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# FINANCIAL-COMPLIANCE AUDIT

# Montana Board of Investments

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The Legislative Audit Committee of the Montana State Legislature:

This is our financial-compliance audit report of the Montana Board of Investments for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. Included in this report are financial statements of the board's Unified Investment Program and Enterprise Fund Program. We issued unmodified opinions on the financial statements for each of these programs. This means the financial statements and notes can be used for decision-making purposes. Our report contains one recommendation to comply with state policy by requiring telework agreements and by discontinuing the use of stipends for telework expenses.

We performed this audit of the board in compliance with the Montana Constitution and state law. Our audit work included analyzing the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information, as well as examining the underlying financial activity and testing selected control systems.

As shown in the board's written response on page C-1, the board does not concur with the first part of the recommendation and partially concurs with the second part. We agree management has the discretion to establish telework as a condition of employment. However, state law requires documentation in order to allow telework, and state policy further clarifies the documentation needs to be via a telework agreement. We also believe reimbursing employees for actual expenses is more consistent with state policy than a stipend to pay for home office expenses.

We thank the members of the board and their staff for their assistance and cooperation throughout the audit.

Respectfully submitted,

ls/ Angus Maciver

Angus Maciver Legislative Auditor

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#### **APPOINTED AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS**

				Term Expires
		<u>Expertise</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>January 1</u>
Montana Board of	Karl Englund,	Law	Missoula	2023
Investments	Chairman			
	Mark Noennig, Vice Chair	Business	Billings	2021
	Teresa Olcott Cohea	Financial	Helena	2023
	Jim Edwards	Small Business	Helena	2021
	Diane Fladmo	Labor	Helena	2023
	Jeffery Greenfield	TRS	Shepherd	2021
	Bruce Nelson	Agriculture	Bozeman	2023
	Maggie Peterson	PERS	Anaconda	2021
	Jack Prothero	Financial	Great Falls	2021
	Fred Thomas, Senate I	iaison		

# Administrative Officials

Dan Villa, Executive Director/Acting Chief Investment Officer (July-February 2020)

Peggy MacEwen, Deputy Director

Jon Putnam, Chief Investment Officer (effective February 2020)

Rande Muffick, Deputy Investment Officer

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#### MONTANA LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION

# Montana Board of Investments

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

#### BACKGROUND

Article VIII, Section 13 of the Montana Constitution requires the Legislature to provide for a Unified Investment Program (UIP) for public funds, and \$17-6-201, MCA, requires the Montana Board of Investments (board) to administer the program. The board has sole authority to invest public retirement system funds and state compensation insurance fund assets, in accordance with state law and the Montana Constitution.

In addition, the board manages the investments of state agencies and certain local governments, such as cities, counties, and school districts.

The board also administers the state's Municipal Finance Consolidation Act (MFC) and the Economic Development Bond Act (EDB) programs which comprise the Enterprise Fund Program.

The Montana Board of Investments managed a combined \$21.6 billion of investments for state entities and local governments as of June 30, 2020, including over a billion dollars in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, invested by the board, which was mostly held in Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of fiscal year 2020. Additionally, the board had approximately \$90.7 million in bonds payable and \$69 million in loans receivable as of June 30, 2020, associated with the Intermediate Term Capital Program. The report contains one recommendation to the board, involving compliance with state policy regarding telework agreements and the use of stipends for telework expenses.

#### **AUDITOR'S OPINION**

Unified Investment Program: UNMODIFIED

Enterprise Fund Financial Statements: UNMODIFIED

This means you can rely on the financial statements and notes in this report in all material respects.

For the full context of the board financial activity, see the financial schedules and notes beginning on pages A-5 and A-41.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

In this report, we issued the following recommendations:

To the board: 1

To the legislature: 0

The prior audit report contained no recommendations.

#### **RECOMMENDATION #1** (page 7):

#### State Compliance

We recommend the Montana Board of Investments comply with state policy for telework employees, by:

- A. Completing signed telework agreements when required by the state telework policy.
- B. Reimbursing employees for actual costs of telework instead of increasing compensation.

#### Board response:

- A. Do Not Concur
- **B. Partially Concur**

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#### REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE

(page B-1):

In this report, we identified the following: Material Weaknesses in Internal Control: 0 Significant Deficiencies in Internal Control: 0 Material Non-Compliance: 0 Other Matters: 0

For the full context of this information, including the distinction between the types of items reported, see the report beginning on page B-1.

# Chapter I – Introduction and Background

#### Introduction

We performed a financial-compliance audit of the Montana Board of Investments (board) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The objectives of the audit were to:

- 1. Obtain an understanding of the board's internal control systems to the extent necessary to support our audit of the financial statements, and, if appropriate, make recommendations for improvements in management and internal controls of the board.
- 2. Determine whether the board's Unified Investment Program financial statements present fairly the fiduciary net position and the changes in fiduciary net position of the program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.
- 3. Determine whether the board's Enterprise Fund Program financial statements present fairly the net position, changes in net position, and cash flows of the program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.
- 4. Determine whether the board complied with selected state laws and regulations during the audit period.

Our audit efforts over the board's Unified Investment Program (UIP) focused primarily on cash and cash equivalents and investment balances, as well as purchases and sales by participants, the net change in fair value of investments, dividend and interest income, and income distributions to participants. We analyzed the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information, as well as examining the underlying financial activity. As part of this work, we compared investment-related transactions and balances recorded by the board to the reports of its custodial bank, which is charged with the safekeeping of the investment assets. In this role, the bank settles purchases and sales of securities, collects information regarding the assets and related income, and provides information and support to the board for its administration of the UIP. We also tested selected control systems and state laws related to the program.

Our audit efforts over the board's Enterprise Fund Program focused primarily on cash and cash equivalents, investments, notes and loans receivable, and bonds payable balances and their related cash flows. We also analyzed the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information, as well as examining the underlying financial activity. As part of this work, we performed a sample of new loans issued during the audit period. We also tested selected control systems and state laws related to the program.

## **Background**

The board is allocated to the Department of Commerce for administrative purposes. The board employs an executive director and chief investment officer who in turn hire and manage staff. The board's chief investment officer (CIO) resigned in July 2019 and a new CIO was hired February 2020. Per the board's Governance Policy, the executive director was the acting CIO until the board hired a replacement. The staff members advise the board, implement board decisions, and perform daily investment, loan management, and record-keeping functions.

To manage the UIP, the board has created investment pools that operate similarly to mutual funds. The board establishes investment policies for each pool, outlining the investment strategy for the pools. The board's objectives for each of the pools, as well as information on the pool participants, are presented below:

- Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP): The pool is designed to achieve a high level of management income that is compatible with the preservation of principal, providing participants with liquidity with one-day notification. State agencies, the state's retirement systems, and local governments are eligible to participate in STIP.
- Trust Funds Investment Pool (TFIP): The pool is designed to provide participants exposure to a portfolio of diversified income-producing assets. State agencies and local governments meeting eligibility criteria may participate in TFIP.
- Consolidated Asset Pension Pool (CAPP): The pool is designed to achieve a high level of investment performance that is compatible with its risk tolerance and prudent investment practices. The board maintains a long-term perspective in formulating and implementing investment policies for the pool, and in evaluating investment performance within the pool. CAPP participants are limited to the state's retirement systems. CAPP was established in fiscal year 2017 by consolidating the five pools previously used to manage pension investments into a single pool.

In addition to these pools, the board manages direct investments in fixed income securities, equity index funds, and commercial loans for approximately 20 state agencies. These investments are reported collectively in the board's UIP financial statements as Separately Managed Accounts (SMA).

Figure 1 and Table 1 (on page 3) present information on the investments managed in the pools and SMA at June 30, 2020. For more information on the investments managed by the board, refer to the note disclosures beginning on page A-12.

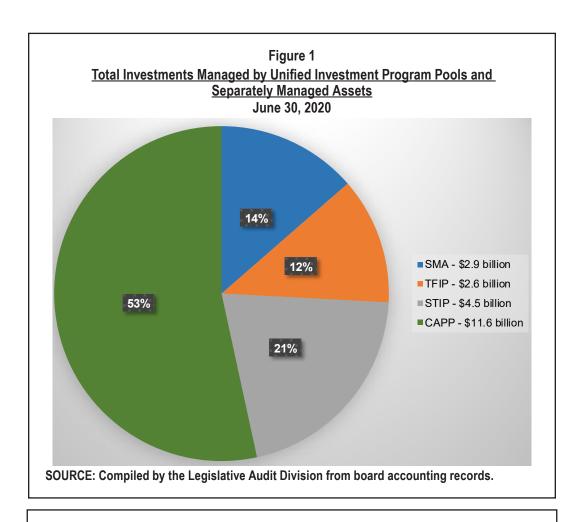


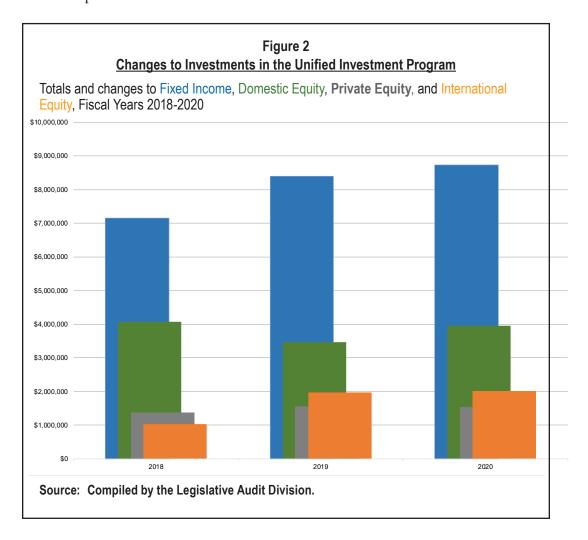
Table 1
<u>Unified Investment Program Pool Investments by Type–June 30, 2020</u>
(in thousands)

	STIP	TFIP	CAPP	SMA
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,108,267	\$6,871	\$206,534	\$1,198,871
STIP		\$75,698	\$141,616	
Fixed Income Investments	\$2,426,558	\$2,265,843	\$2,809,030	\$1,232,428
Domestic Equity Investments			\$3,797,637	\$159,978
International Equity Investments			\$1,974,032	\$39,792
Direct Real Estate Holdings		\$19,215		
Mortgages and Loans			\$2,167	\$203,601
Private Equity Partnerships			\$1,531,566	
Core Real Estate Partnerships		\$198,230	\$412,282	\$101,390
Non-Core Real Estate Partnerships		\$52,432	\$431,798	
Natural Resources			\$261,683	·
Real Estate High Income Fund		\$26,221	\$105,543	
Total	\$4,534,825	\$2,644,510	\$11,673,888	\$2,936,060

SOURCE: Compiled by the Legislative Audit Division based on board accounting records.

Overall, the types of investments reported for each pool in the table on page 3 have not changed significantly over the last few years, except for the Cash and Cash Equivalents in the Separately Managed Accounts (SMA). As of June 30, 2020, there was over a billion dollars in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds invested by the board (on behalf of the state), which was mostly held in Cash and Cash Equivalents in the SMA at the end of fiscal year 2020. The state received the federal money in April of 2020 and investment earnings were \$246,000. The investment earnings are the state's funds to be spent in a similar manner to other CARES funds.

In Figure 2 the totals in the top four investment types (excluding cash equivalents) of the board's portfolio are summarized for the last three years. Overall, the board has increased their investments in Fixed Income while staying fairly consistent with investments in International Investments, Domestic Equity, and Private Equity Partnerships.



The board also administers the state Municipal Finance Consolidation Act (MFC) and Economic Development Bond Act (EDB) programs, which comprises the Enterprise Fund Program. Under the MFC Act, the board is authorized to issue up to \$190 million in bonds. The board's Intermediate Term Capital Program (INTERCAP) bonds, issued under the MFC, are used to provide loans to eligible Montana governments to finance capital expenditures for up to 15 years. Under the MFC and EDB programs, the board also provides eligible Montana governments with access to financing through the issuance of conduit (no-commitment) debt. Assets and revenues of the borrower are pledged to repay the debt. Because the board has no obligation for this debt, the bond issues are not reflected on the board's Enterprise Fund Program financial statements but are disclosed in the notes.

The board publishes an annual report detailing the UIP and Enterprise Fund Program activity for the year. This report is available on the board's website or by contacting the board.

## New Board Programs Related to the CARES Act

Starting in fiscal year 2021, the governor established the Montana Loan Deferment Program and the Montana Working Capital Program using part of the CARES money noted above. The purpose of the grant programs is to help Montana businesses that have incurred economic injury as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic by providing payments to lenders so borrowers can defer principle and interest payments on existing loans. As of January 2021, board staff reported over \$70 million was awarded to over 1570 approved applicants. The programs are closed to applications. The board administers the program with the Department of Revenue. This activity will not be presented on either set of financial statements in fiscal year 2021, because the activity takes place in a fund at the Department of Commerce. It will be presented as part of the #21-19 Department of Commerce financial-compliance audit.

# **Chapter II – Findings and Recommendation**

### **Employee Stipends for Telework**

Montana Board of Investments did not complete telework agreements as required by state policy and gave employees stipends for telework expenses.

State law allows for telework when it is in the state's best interest as determined and documented by the agency. State law requires the Department of Administration to adopt policies to encourage telework and provide for uniform implementation of the law. State policy requires a telework agreement to be in place when an employee teleworks on a regular basis whether from choice or emergency needs. The agreement should explain who will provide the equipment and supplies and who is responsible for maintaining them. State policy also notes "an employee's compensation and benefits will not change as a result of telework."

As a result of COVID-19, Montana Board of Investments (MBOI) required employees to work from their homes. The transition to telework was communicated through a series of memos from management; no telework arrangements between MBOI and its employees were documented. MBOI management believes state policy does not require telework agreements when management makes the decision that the employee must telework. They also believe they followed the emergency directives from state human resources. State policy allows agency management to establish telework as a condition of employment, but the same policy states agency responsibilities should at a minimum, "require telework agreements between agency management and employees." There is nothing in policy excluding this requirement if it is a condition of employment.

Both management and staff benefit from signed agreements, because the documentation provides clarity of expectations on both sides. A lack of telework agreements is contrary to state policy for all board employees who are not excluded by \$2-18-103, MCA. This statute excludes the investment officer, assistant investment officer, executive director, and eight professional staff positions from the telework policy. State policy does not indicate telework arrangements at the direction of management are excluded from the requirement for a signed agreement. Part H of the state's telework policy requires the establishment of telework agreements for all alternate work sites, including the employee's home. The policy applies to 18 employees at MBOI as of December 2020.

MBOI also provided a stipend to each employee to cover any additional expenses related to telework. Management noted extra costs were expected for things like cameras for meetings, internet services, extra ink for printers, and costs for driving "wet signatures" into town to drop off at the office. The board approved a \$50 stipend, but employees were paid \$78 in order to also cover the associated taxes. In effect, the stipend resulted in increased employee compensation. Over \$5,000 in stipends were paid to employees in fiscal year 2020 and over \$12,000 paid in fiscal year 2021 through November 2020. Approximately \$3,500 in fiscal year 2020 and \$8,000 in 2021 through November 2020 were paid to employees who are not excluded from the state telework policy. Management considered it more efficient to offer stipends than have staff track their expenses and ask for reimbursement. But, because there are no expectations on how this money is to be spent by employees, this state money could instead be used for nonbusiness related purposes. Reimbursing employees for actual costs allows the employees to be reimbursed for all costs, costs to be coded correctly, and equipment purchased with state resources to be retained as state property. We were unable to determine if the stipend approximated the amount of employee incurred costs associated with their telework arrangements. A portion of the costs was charged to the board's enterprise fund operations and the remainder to its internal service fund.

The costs charged to the internal service fund are passed on to state agencies and local governments participating in the board's investment pools as part of its rate structure. Board management reported they did not increase rates to give the stipends. Other expenses went down and they were able to manage the stipends within their approved budget. However, cost should be in compliance with state policy. Board management also noted they intended the costs to be operating expenses, but the Department of Commerce incorrectly coded them as personal services costs. Board management intended the costs to be home office reimbursement, which would still be taxable if the equipment could be used for both state and personnel use. Generally state expenses require supporting documentation, even if coded as an operating expense. Reimbursing actual expenses is the best way to ensure state resources are being used for state purposes.

#### RECOMMENDATION #1

We recommend the Montana Board of Investments comply with state policy for telework employees, by:

- A. Completing signed telework agreements when required by the state telework policy.
- B. Reimbursing employees for actual costs of telework instead of increasing compensation.

# Independent Auditor's Report and Unified Investment Program Financial Statements

Angus Maciver, Legislative Auditor Deborah F. Butler, Legal Counsel



Deputy Legislative Auditors: Cindy Jorgenson William Soller

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Legislative Audit Committee of the Montana State Legislature:

#### Introduction

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Fiduciary Net Position of the Montana Board of Investments' (board) Unified Investment Program as of June 30, 2020, the related Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, for the fiscal year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this responsibility includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the board's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the board's internal control, and accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Montana Board of Investments' Unified Investment Program as of June 30, 2020, and the changes in fiduciary net position for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Emphasis of Matter

As discussed on page A-12 in the notes to the financial statements, the Montana Board of Investments' Unified Investment Program financial statements are intended to present the financial position and changes in financial position of only the portion of the financial reporting entity of the State of Montana that are attributed to the transactions of the Unified Investment Program at the board. They do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the state of Montana as of June 30, 2020, or the changes in its financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Other Matters

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on page A-5 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position on pages A-32 and A-33 and the Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position on pages A-34 and A-35 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting

and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 14, 2020, on our consideration of the Montana Board of Investment's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the board's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cindy Jorgenson

Cindy Jorgenson, CPA Deputy Legislative Auditor Helena, MT

December 14, 2020

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis for the Unified Investment Program (UIP) of the Board of Investments (the Board) of the State of Montana, (the State), is presented as an introduction to the financial statements of the UIP. It is meant to assist the reader in understanding the financial statements by providing an overall review of the financial activities during the year as well as to provide a comparison to the prior year's activities and results.

In addition to the UIP, the Board also administers an Enterprise Fund to account for its programs created by the Municipal Finance Consolidation Act and the Economic Development Bond Act. This section of the report represents only the UIP. The Enterprise Fund financial statements are presented separately.

#### **Financial Highlights**

The fiduciary net position of the UIP increased to approximately \$21.6 billion in comparison to a beginning fiduciary net position of approximately \$19.6 billion. With respect to the underlying components of the UIP:

- Consolidated Asset Pension Pool (CAPP) increased in fiduciary net position primarily due to investments in the domestic equity and core fixed income asset classes despite volatility of the markets;
- The Trust Funds Investment Pool (TFIP) realized an increase in fiduciary net position due to an annual investment return of 8.0%;
- The Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP) increase in value was primarily driven by the contributions of additional capital into the pool and a modest annual return of 1.6%;
- And the Separately Managed Accounts (SMA) increase in net position was primarily due to \$1.25 billion in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds and invested by the State in the UIP. Had the CARES Act funds not been received, the SMA would have realized a reduction in fiduciary net position for the year due to the volatility of the economy of the State.

Below is a summary of the Changes in Net Position by pool and for the SMA from the prior to current fiscal year:

Changes in Fiduciary Net Position for Pool and SMA participants		For Fiscal Years Ending			
(in thousands)	Jun	e 30, 2020	<u>Jun</u>	e 30, 2019	
	\$	184,314	\$	165,222	
Trust Funds Investment Pool (TFIP)		136,395		172,190	
Short Term Investment Pool (STIP)		557,499		647,846	
STIP included in investment pools		(139,035)		32,877	
Separately Managed Accounts (SMA)		1,208,009		(6,192)	
Total Change in Net Position by Pool and SMA participants	\$	1,947,182	\$	1,011,943	

The investment return net of fees of UIP is best characterized by describing the investment returns of the underlying pools.

	1-Year Total Return			
<u>Pool</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u> 2019</u>		
CAPP	2.8%	5.8%		
TFIP	8.0%	8.0%		
STIP	1.6%	2.4%		

The investment returns are based on data made available by the custodial bank. Performance calculations were prepared using time-weighted rates of return and are net-of-fees. SMA investment returns vary depending on the account specific investment allocations and the cash flows in and out of the account during the period.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

The UIP is comprised of a combination of one internal investment pool, two external investment pools and the SMA to meet the financial goals and expectations of the state and local government agencies and entities which entrust these funds to the Board. The amounts reported within these financial statements become part of the governmental, proprietary and fiduciary fund categories of the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which is separately issued from these financial statements. The CAPP is an internal investment pool, and TFIP and STIP are external investment pools.

As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Board separately managed accounts outside of the pools on behalf of participants. The investments are combined for reporting purposes in the SMA portion of the UIP. SMA participants include the State Treasurer's Cash Fund, state agency insurance reserves and other state agencies. SMA participation is at the discretion of the Board staff for state agencies allowed to participate in the UIP.

The financial statements and footnotes follow this section of the report. The **Statement of Fiduciary Net Position** provides information on the types of investments, other assets, and liabilities of the pools and SMA, as of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

The **Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position** provides information on investment performance and other increases (additions) and decreases (deductions) in the fiduciary net position of the pools and SMA, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The **Notes to the Financial Statements** provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements of the UIP. Additional supplementary information is presented which is not required by GAAP. Such information includes combining statements for transparency.

#### **Financial Analysis**

Fiduciary Net Position. The fiduciary net position is the accumulated excess of assets over liabilities from the inception of the UIP. As of June 30, 2020, the UIP had total fiduciary net position of approximately \$21.6 billion in comparison to a beginning fiduciary net position of approximately \$19.6 billion. The following is a condensed Statement of Fiduciary Net Position of the UIP as of June 30, 2020 as compared to the prior year:

Fiduciary Net Position Held in Trust for Pool and SMA participants (in thousands)	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
Assets		
Total investments	\$ 21,571,968	\$ 19,573,441
Receivables and other assets	252,235	237,404
Total assets	21,824,203	19,810,845
Liabilities		
Payables and other liabilities	264,181	198,005
Total liabilities	264,181	198,005
Fiduciary net position	\$ 21,560,022	\$ 19,612,840

As of June 30, 2020, most of the assets were composed of investments at either fair value or at net asset value (NAV) in accordance with GAAP. There is a large measure of unpredictability in these balances from year-to-year due to variations in fair value.

The receivables and other assets include amounts for broker receivable for securities sold but not settled, accrued interest and dividends and collateral held for securities lending transactions. The payables are similar, but also include income due to participants.

SMA Montana Mortgages and Loans, Tax Abatement, Bond and Loan Guarantees. The SMA portfolio includes mortgages and loans funded by the Coal Severance Tax Trust Fund as authorized by statute. The carrying value of the mortgages and loans was approximately \$204 million as compared to approximately \$167 million as of the end of the prior year.

The SMA also includes a tax abatement program by statute. The eligible abatements are administered by local governments but approved by the Board. Various eligibility requirements are in statute to afford the business an interest rate reduction on an infrastructure loan. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the amount claimed as credits against various forms of state taxation was approximately \$14 million, as compared to approximately \$3.8 million in the prior fiscal year. For further detail, see Note 10 – Tax Abatement.

Finally, various bond and loan guarantees are provided from STIP, TFIP, the Coal Severance Tax Trust, and the State Treasurer's Cash Fund to the Enterprise Fund for exposure to INTERCAP bond issues and the Montana Facility Finance Authority. As of the end of the fiscal year, the Board has not had to perform on the guarantees, despite the volatility of the economy. The amounts are merely commitments of the Board.

STIP and TFIP are external investment pools managed by the Board. Both the Coal Severance Tax Trust Fund and the Enterprise Fund are part of the primary government for the State. The Board manages the State Treasurer's Cash Fund which consists of fund balances of all the funds of the State whose investment earnings are permitted by law to flow to the State's General Fund. As of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the balance of guarantee activity was approximately \$179 million as compared to approximately \$194 million at the end of the prior fiscal year.

<b>Changes in Fiduciary Net Position</b>	For Fiscal Years Ending		
Held in Trust for Pool and SMA participants (in thousands)	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	
Additions			
Purchases by participants	\$ 11,502,341	\$ 7,935,914	
Investment earnings	746,337	1,105,053	
Investment costs and other expenses	(68,815)	(76,114	
Net investment income	677,522	1,028,939	
Securities lending income, net of expense	1,005	1,937	
Total additions	12,180,868	8,966,790	
Deductions			
Sales by participants	10,050,569	7,750,236	
Income distributions to participants	183,117	204,611	
Total deductions	10,233,686	7,954,847	
Change in fiduciary net position	1,947,182	1,011,943	
Fiduciary net position, beginning of year	19,612,840	18,600,897	
Fiduciary net position, end of year	\$ 21,560,022	\$ 19,612,840	

*Purchases, Sales, and Distributions*. Purchases, sales, and distributions to participants, is anticipated to vary annually based upon activity of the participants and their cash flow needs.

Investment Fees and Other Expenses. Investment fees and other expenses include the flows to manage the UIP, custodial bank fees, external manager fees and other investment related expenses. The flows to manage the operations of the UIP, including general and investment costs, are set by the State Legislature biennially and approved by the Board as part of an annual budget. Custodial banking fees are paid through a statutory appropriation and external manager fees are paid directly from the accounts they manage. These flows comprise the 'overhead' of the UIP. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, these flows represented 0.26% of ending fiduciary net position (or 26 basis points) versus 0.30% of fiduciary net position (or 30 basis points) at the end of the prior year. The primary component relates to external manager fees, which the Board continues to aggressively monitor.

The net of all the flows, resulted in a \$1.9 billion increase to fiduciary net position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. This compares to an increase of approximately \$1.0 billion in the prior year.

#### **Operational Highlights**

Board operations were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to ensuring the personal safety of staff in accordance with State guidelines, several irregular transactions occurred during the period as a result of the outbreak. First, the Board received and invested \$1.25 billion in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds from the federal government on behalf of the State of Montana. Further, the In-State Loan Program received numerous requests for deferment of payments by impacted borrowers, which were granted.

#### **Economic Highlights**

Returns across asset classes were volatile in fiscal year 2020 as the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent economic disruption rippled across markets. Core Fixed Income (6.7%), Domestic Equity (5.2%), Private Investments (3.23%), Cash (1.65%), Real Estate (0.74%) and Non-Core Fixed Income (0.43%) all posted positive returns as investors generally sought safety in more conservative asset classes and U.S. dollar denominated investments. Natural Resources (-18.6%) and International Equity (-3.7%) posted negative returns as energy prices collapsed and global economies struggled.

#### Economic Factors and Currently Known Facts that May Impact UIP's Operations in the Future

Challenges facing the markets include: the ongoing pandemic, domestic and geopolitical tensions, historically low interest rates, and long-term shifts in the supply and demand of goods and services.

Despite the challenges, MBOI continues to pursue attractive opportunities in the market that are additive to the portfolio over an extended time frame. We expect periods of extreme market volatility and continually mitigate risks in order to meet the liquidity needs of the pension plans. MBOI believes that disciplined execution of our investment process will help us achieve the long-term objectives of the pension plans.

Requests for Information and Transparency. This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the UIP's operations. Questions concerning any of the information contained in this report or requests for additional information about the Board's operations, should be addressed to the Board at 2401 Colonial Drive, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, PO Box 200126, Helena, Montana 59620-0126. The Board may be reached by phone at 406.444.0001, fax at 406.449.6579 or TDD at 406.841.2702. Board Meeting agenda and minutes are posted at <a href="http://investmentmt.com/meetings">http://investmentmt.com/meetings</a>.

# MONTANA UNIFIED INVESTMENT PROGRAM STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION AS OF FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 (in thousands)

Assets		
Investments		
Cash and cash equivalents held at custodial bank	\$	3,520,543
Investments at cost		203,601
Investments at fair value		17,847,824
Total investments		21,571,968
Securities lending cash collateral		153,079
Receivables		
Broker receivable for securities sold but not settled		49,273
Dividend and interest receivable		49,883
Total receivables		99,156
Total assets		21,824,203
Liabilities		
Payables		
Broker payable for securities purchased but not settled		90,529
Income due participants		14,892
Other payables		2,043
Administrative fee payable		3,638
Total payables		111,102
Securities lending obligations		153,079
Total liabilities		264,181
Net position held in trust for pool and Separately Managed Accounts (SMA) participants	\$	21,560,022
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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# MONTANA UNIFIED INVESTMENT PROGRAM STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 (in thousands)

#### Additions

Purchases by participants

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Net investment earnings	
Investment earnings	
Net increase (decrease) on fair value of investments	333,288
Dividend/interest income	410,944
Other investment income	1,130
Investment earnings	745,362
Investment costs	(56,423)
Other investment expenses	(11,417)
Net investment income	677,522
Securities lending income	2,160
Securities lending expense	(1,155)
Net securities lending income	1,005
Total additions	12,180,868
Deductions	
Sales by participants	10,050,569
Income distributions to participants	183,117
Total deductions	10,233,686
Change in net position	1,947,182
Net position held in trust for pool and SMA participants - beginning of year	19,612,840
Net position held in trust for pool and SMA participants - end of year	\$ 21,560,022

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

These financial statements present only the activity of the Unified Investment Program (UIP) as managed by the Board of Investments (the Board). The financial information pertaining solely to the UIP administrative operations of the Board can be found in the Investment Division internal service fund contained within the State of Montana's (the State) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The external participation for Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP) and the Trust Fund Investment Pool (TFIP) is reported as Investment Trust Funds within the State's CAFR. The State's CAFR is available from the Montana Department of Administration's State Financial Services Division website http://sfsd.mt.gov/SAB/cafr; at Room 255 Mitchell Building, 125 North Roberts Street, PO Box 200102, Helena, MT 59620-0102 or at 406-444-3092.

#### DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Description of Funds**

The UIP is, by statute, comprised of involuntarily participating state funds, including pensions, trusts, insurance, operating funds and by statute voluntarily participating local government funds. To facilitate the management of the UIP, the Board uses a combination of investment pools and Separately Managed Accounts (SMA) to meet the financial goals and expectations of the agencies and entities which entrust these funds to the Board. The balances within these financial statements become part of the participant's applicable fund category or component unit of the State's CAFR.

During the June 2020 board meeting, the Board approved the name change of Separately Managed Investments to be Separately Managed Accounts.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting and have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents held within Pools

Cash and cash equivalents generally are short-term, highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less at time of purchase. The Consolidated Asset Pension Pool (CAPP), the TFIP, the STIP, and SMA hold cash and cash equivalents that are measured at cost.

#### Valuation of Investments

Investments reported at fair value are on a trade date basis. Quoted market prices, when available, have been used to value investments. The fair values for securities that have no quoted market price represent estimated fair value. Alternative investment securities are valued using the most recent estimates of fair value from the investment managers. Fair value measurements are reviewed monthly, and third-party valuations are reviewed for reasonableness and compliance with approved price source authorization policy. Additional information on how the Board reports fair value measurements can be found in Note 6 - Fair Value Measurement.

#### Revenue Recognition

Unrealized gains and losses are included as a component of investment income in the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. Unrealized gains and losses are computed based on changes in the fair value of investments held from the beginning of the year, but unsold at the fiscal year-end. The net change in fair value of investments also consists of the realized gains or losses. Interest income is recognized when earned. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

#### **Investment Costs**

The State Legislature sets management fees the Board charges. The maximum fee is set at the aggregate level at the beginning of each fiscal year. The Board allocates the aggregate fees across the pools and SMA. Custodial bank fees are paid by a statutory appropriation from the State's General Fund. The Board allocates custodial bank fees across the pools and SMA and deposits the funds required to pay the fee in the general fund. The State Treasurer then pays the monthly custodial bank fees from the General Fund. External manager fees are paid directly from the accounts they manage.

Investment fees charged to each Pool and the SMA investments are shown in the following table:

Total Fiscal Year 2020 Investment Costs (in thousands)									
Pool and SMA	<u>Bc</u>	oard	Custodial <u>Bank</u>	External Managers	<u>Total</u>	Investment <u>Fee Ratio</u>			
Consolidated Asset Pension Pool (CAPP) Trust Funds Investment Pool (TFIP) Short Term Investment Pool (STIP) Separately Managed Accounts (SMA)	\$	5,234 428 577 1,015	\$ 1,239 131 280 130	\$ 44,963 1,685 - 741	\$ 51,436 2,244 857 1,886	0.44% 0.08% 0.02% <u>0.06</u> %			
Total	\$	7,254	\$ 1,780	\$ 47,389	\$ 56,423	<u>0.26%</u>			

#### Securities Lending

The collateral received under securities lending agreements where the pools and SMA can spend, pledge, or sell collateral without borrower default is included in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position. Liabilities resulting from these transactions are also included in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position. Costs associated with the securities lending transactions, including broker commissions and lending fees paid to custodians are reported as components of investment expenses in the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. Securities lending income reported for the fiscal year was \$2.2 million, and expenses associated with securities lending were \$1.2 million. For further detail, see Note 4 - Securities Lending.

#### <u>Purchases and Sales by Participants and Income Distributions</u>

Purchases and sales by participants are recorded when received or paid. TFIP and STIP participants receive monthly income distributions. SMA distributes income when received. SMA distributable income is total net investment earnings less the net increase (decrease) on the fair value of investments. TFIP and STIP distributable income is total net investment earnings less the net increase (decrease) on the fair value of investments not attributable to amortization. TFIP and SMA distributable income also includes net

securities lending earnings. CAPP retains all its investment earnings; therefore, it does not distribute to participants.

#### Use of Estimates

In conformity with GAAP, management may make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from estimated amounts.

Certain reclassifications have been made to the current year presentation from the prior year. These reclassifications had no effect on previously reported change in net position or net position held in trust for pool participants.

#### **Regulatory Oversight**

The Board was created by the State Legislature to manage the UIP established by the State Constitution. The Board is not registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment company.

#### **Pool Participant Units**

Pool units are purchased and sold in the same manner as individuals investing in mutual funds. Therefore, the pool unit price is computed based on market prices on securities in the pool plus any additional assets, minus liabilities. The STIP participants purchase and sell units at \$1 per unit, at the participant's discretion. Additional information on STIP can be found in Note 12 – STIP Reserve. CAPP and TFIP units are purchased and sold based on the prior day ending price. SMA direct investments are purchased and sold at their respective fair market values at the dates of transaction. CAPP and TFIP units and SMA direct investments are purchased and sold at the discretion of Board investment staff based on asset allocations and Investment Policy Statements (IPS) approved by the Board. Individual investments in the pools are not specifically identified to the respective participants. Gains and losses on the sale of CAPP and TFIP participant units are reflected at the participant level. SMA is not a pool; therefore, there are neither units outstanding, nor unit values calculated.

#### 2. INVESTMENT COMMITMENTS

Investments in alternative equity are usually made via limited partnership agreements that involve many limited partners and a general partner who is responsible for all investment decisions. The limited partners make an original commitment, after which capital is called as needed by the general partner to make investments. These agreements will usually last for a minimum of 10 years. The following table shows the remaining Board commitments to alternative equity managers.

Commitments to Fund Managers as of June 30, 2020 (in thousands)										
	Co	Original mmitment		ommitment Remaining						
Private Equities Real Estate Natural Resources Total	\$	3,045,722 2,060,130 584,412 5,690,264	\$ <u>\$</u>	1,038,167 660,360 265,305 1,963,832						

### INVESTMENT RISK DISCLOSURES

### Custodial Credit Risk (Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments Held at Custodial Bank)

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the Board will not be able to recover the value of the investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Per policy, the Board's custodial bank must have bank ratings from at least two Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSROs) on an annual basis.

As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, all the public securities as well as securities held by the separate public equity account managers were registered in the nominee name for the Montana Board of Investments and held in the possession of the Board's custodial bank. The equity index funds, securities held at the State's depository bank, real estate, mortgage and loan investments were purchased and recorded in the Board's name. Commingled fund investments are registered in the name of the Montana Board of Investments. Therefore, the Board is not subject to custodial credit risk.

### Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributable to the magnitude of any single investment per issuer name. Investments explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government are excluded from the concentration of credit risk requirement. Concentration of credit risk is addressed within all IPSs as set by the Board. Please refer to Note 5 – Summary of Investment Policy – Legal and Contractual Provisions for further detail.

### Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligation. Except for U.S. Government securities, the pools and SMA fixed income instruments have credit risk as measured by NRSRO ratings. Credit risk is contemplated for each individual portfolio in the IPS. Credit risk is managed by constraining portfolio purchases around investment grade NRSRO ratings as appropriate. The U.S. Government guarantees its securities directly or indirectly. Obligations of the U.S. Government or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government are not considered to have credit risk and do not require disclosure of credit risk. Please refer to Note 5 – Summary of Investment Policy – Legal and Contractual Provisions for further detail.

Of the CAPP's cash equivalents position held at its custodial bank, \$193.5 million was held in unrated money market funds.

As a matter of STIP investment policy, the Board's fixed income investment staff can only purchase securities from a pre-approved "Approved Issuer" list. By STIP policy, permitted money market investments include only SEC registered 2a-7 Institutional Money Market Funds that are considered "US Treasury" or "US Government" money market mutual funds according to the SEC regulations or short-term investment vehicle available through the custodial bank. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, all the STIP money market investments were in US Governmental Money Markets and \$50 million was held on deposit in a short-term investment vehicle available through the custodial bank. NRSRO provides the credit ratings presented in the following table.

STIP Cash Equivalent Credit Quality Rating (in thousands)	gs as of June 30, 2020	
		Credit
	Total Cash	Quality
Cash Equivalent Investment Type	<u>Equivalents</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Agency or Government Related	121,655	A-1+
Asset Backed Commercial Paper	1,508,483	A-1+
Corporate:		
Commercial Paper	385,100	A-1+
Certificates of Deposit	43,029	A-1+
Total Cash Equivalent Held at Custodial Bank	\$ 2,058,267	-

### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Board uses effective duration as a measure of interest rate risk for all fixed income portfolios. Please refer to Note 5 – Summary of Investment Policy – Legal and Contractual Provisions for further detail.

CAPP, TFIP, and SMA investments at fair value are categorized to disclose credit and interest rate risk on the following table for fixed income securities. Credit risk is disclosed using the weighted credit quality rating by investment type. Interest rate risk is disclosed using weighted effective duration.

Credit Quality R	_				as o	of June 30,	2020		
	Fai	r Values (i	n th	iousands)					
							Total Fixed		
							Income	Credit Quality	Effective
							Investments	Ratings	Durations
Security Investment Types		CAPP		<u>TFIP</u>		<u>SMA</u>	at Fair Value	Range	(Years)
Treasuries	Ś	643,374	Ś	348,714	Ś	282,470	\$ 1,274,558	AAA	3.24-12.52
Agency or Government Related	~	163,568	~	142,612	~	113,999	420,179	AAA	3.01-5.29
Asset Backed Securities		88,048		83,281		57,768	229,097	AA+ to AAA	1.69-2.72
Mortgage Backed Securities:		,-		,		- ,	-,		
Noncommercial		697,867		588,024		129,577	1,415,468	AAA	1.86-2.56
Commercial		144,057		149,106		33,534	326,697	AAA	4.60-6.97
Corporate:									
Financial		322,656		311,131		238,394	872,181	BBB+ to A-	3.84-4.65
Industrial		726,975		625,164		366,556	1,718,695	BB+ to A-	4.55-5.91
Industrial (Unrated)		444		1,382		505	2,331	NR	0.40-3.06
Utility	_	22,041		16,429		9,625	48,095	BBB- to BBB	3.48-6.04
Total Fixed Income Investments at Fair Value	\$	2,809,030	\$2	2,265,843	\$1	1,232,428	\$ 6,307,301		

STIP investments at fair value are categorized to disclose credit risk and weighted average maturity (WAM). Credit risk reflects the weighted security quality rating by investment type as of the June 30<sup>th</sup> report date. Although the STIP investments have been rated by investment security type, STIP, as an external investment pool, has not been rated. STIP interest rate risk is determined using the WAM method. The WAM measure expresses investment time horizons – the time when investments are due or reset and payable in days, months or years – weighted to reflect the dollar size of the individual investments within an investment type. Inclusive of cash and cash equivalents, the WAM averages 46 days for the portfolio.

STIP Credit Quality Ratings and Weighted Average Maturity as of June 30, 2020 (in thousands)									
Security Investment Type		Total Fixed Income Investments at Fair Value	Credit Quality Rating	WAM (Days)					
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Treasuries	\$	430,142	A-1+	56					
Agency or Government Related Corporate:		1,182,828	A-1+	52					
Commercial Paper		398,071	A-1+	72					
Notes		115,311	A-1+	57					
Certificates of Deposit		300,206	A-1	56					
Total STIP Fixed Income Investments at Fair Value	\$	2,426,558							

Based on their short weighted average maturity and the relative immaterial difference from their cost to fair value as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Board deemed the cash equivalents to have little discernible interest rate risk.

### Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in the exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment.

The Board's foreign currency exposure by denomination and investment type are reported, in U.S. dollars, at fair value and is limited to CAPP. The following table excludes the foreign investments denominated in U.S. dollars for the American Depositary Receipts (ADRs), sovereign debt and commingled index funds.

	Foreig	n Currei	ncy Expo	osure by Cou	ntry			
	Investm	ent Typ	e in U.S	. Dollar Equiv	/aler	nt		
		•	n thousa	•				
		As of		0, 2020				
Foreign Currency			Inte	rnational		Private	Rea	l Estate
<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Curi</u>	Currency		<u>quities</u>		<u>Equity</u>	<u>E</u>	quity
Australian Dollar	\$	48	\$	22,100	\$	-	\$	-
Brazilian Real		18		14,424		-		-
Canadian Dollar		55		27,668		-		-
Danish Krone		-		13,133		-		
EMU-Euro		1		178,067		16,278		1,144
Hong Kong Dollar		81		60,149		-		
Hungarian Forint		-		1,504		-		
Indonesian Rupiah		3		2,305		-		•
Japanese Yen		193		117,539		-		•
Malaysian Ringgit		4		161		-		•
Mexican Peso		18		8,729		-		,
New Israeli Sheqel		-		4,395		-		•
Korean Fortnit		33		23,391		-		
New Zealand Dollar		1		259		-		
Norwegian Krone		2		4,318		-		
Philippine Peso		3		65		-		
Polish Zloty		-		481		-		
Pound Sterling		7		59,147		-		
Singapore Dollar		145		7,856		-		
South Africian Rand		-		7,091		-		
South Korean Won		8		25,790		-		
Swedish Krona		90		30,288		-		
Swiss Franc		-		43,745		-		
New Taiwan Dollar		10		2,366		-		
Thailand Baht		4		3,729		-		
Yuan Renminbi		51		10,603				-
Total	\$	775	\$	669,303	\$	16,278	\$	1,144

#### 4. SECURITIES LENDING

The Board is authorized by law to lend its securities and has contracted with the custodial bank, to lend the Board's securities to broker-dealers and other entities with a simultaneous agreement to return the collateral for the same securities in the future. The custodial bank is required to maintain collateral equal to 102% of the fair value of domestic securities and 105% of the fair value of international securities while the securities are on loan. On any day, including June 30<sup>th</sup>, the markets may move in a positive or negative direction resulting in under or over collateralization. The custodial bank compensates for market movement by recalculating on the following business day to meet the collateralization requirements. The Board and the custodial bank split the earnings 80% and 20% respectively, on securities lending activities. The Board retains all rights and risks of ownership during the loan period. The custodial bank indemnifies the Board's credit risk exposure to the borrowers.

During the fiscal year, the custodial bank loaned the Board's public securities and received as collateral either: U.S. dollar cash; U.S. Government and government sponsored agency securities; U.S. corporate debt securities and structured securities rated AA- or Aa3 or higher; sovereign debt securities of the Group of Ten nations; or debt securities issued by certain supranational agencies. The custodial bank does not have the ability to sell collateral securities unless the borrower defaults.

The Board imposed no restrictions on the amount of securities available to lend during the fiscal year. However, STIP assets are currently not available for securities lending. There were no failures by any borrowers to return loaned securities or pay distributions thereon during the period that resulted in a declaration and notice of default of the borrower. There were no losses during the fiscal year resulting from a borrower default. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, no securities were recalled and not yet returned.

The cash collateral received for each loan was invested, together with the cash collateral of other qualified plan lenders, in an investment fund named the Navigator Securities Lending Government Money Market (Navigator) portfolio.

The Board and the borrowers maintain the right to terminate all securities lending transactions on notice. Because the securities lending transactions were terminable at will, their duration did not generally match the duration of the investments made with the cash collateral received from the borrower. The Navigator portfolio had an average duration of 28 days and the average weighted final maturity of 91 days.

	Securities on Loan and Pledged Collateral (in thousands) As of June 30, 2020								
	Fa	ir Value	Co	ollateral	Co	ollateral	C	ollateral	% of
Pool and SMA	<u>C</u>	On Loan		<u>Cash</u>		<u>Securities</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Consolidated Asset Pension Pool (CAPP)									
Domestic	\$	364,840	\$	48,096	\$	322,309	\$	370,405	102%
International		52,951		14,107		41,459		55,566	105%
Trust Funds Investment Pool (TFIP)		190,165		48,203		145,877		194,080	102%
Separately Managed Accounts (SMA)		133,700		42,673		93,773		136,446	<u>102%</u>
Total	\$	741,656	\$	153,079	\$	603,418	\$	756,497	

	F	iscal Year 2020		s Lending Incom nousands)	ne and Exp	enses	
Pool and SMA	Gro	ss Income	Ex	penses	Net Income		
Consolidated Asset Pension Pool (CAPP) Trust Funds Investment Pool (TFIP)	\$	1,349 509	\$	(719) (312)	\$	630 197	
Separately Managed Accounts (SMA) Total	\$	302 2,160	\$	(124) (1,155)	\$	178 1,005	

### SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT POLICY – LEGAL AND CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS

The Board manages the Investment Program pursuant to the "Prudent Expert Principle" mandated by state law, which requires an investment manager to:

- (a) discharge the duties with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence, under the circumstances then prevailing, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity with the same resources and familiar with like matters exercises in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character with like aims;
- (b) diversify the holdings of each fund within the UIP to minimize the risk of loss and to maximize the rate of return unless, under the circumstances, it is clearly prudent not to do so; and
- (c) discharge the duties solely in the interest of and for the benefit of the funds forming the UIP.

### **Allowed Investments**

The Board approves all IPSs.

State agencies and local government entities may participate in one or more pools. By investing in pools, participants are provided broad diversification. State agencies may also have direct fixed income, equity or loan investments. These investments are combined and reported as SMA. Currently, only the nine retirement funds that participate in CAPP, the Defined Contribution Disability Plan, and the Montana State Fund (Workers' Compensation) may invest in public corporate capital stock. Neither State law nor the State Constitution place restrictions on retirement fund investments. The Board approves a separate IPS for each pool and SMA participant, which provides board staff a broad strategic framework under which the investments are managed. The IPSs also reflects the Board approved asset allocation ranges.

By statute, local government entities can voluntarily invest in the STIP. By statute, with a qualifying event, local government entities may also voluntarily invest in the TFIP.

### **CAPP**

The CAPP IPS contains prescribed asset allocation ranges among the allowable asset classes and is subject to change as modifications are adopted by the Board. The Board annually affirms or revises the asset allocation ranges for the retirement plans. The CAPP IPS also contains investment objectives and guidelines for each underlying asset class, with a purpose of providing diversified exposure within the asset class in a prudent and cost-effective manner.

Due to a longer-term focus, CAPP's asset classes differ from other classes that are allowable for other programs. CAPP's underlying asset classes are as follows:

- Domestic Equities
- International Equities
- Private Investments
- Natural Resources

- Real Estate
- Core Fixed Income
- Non-Core Fixed Income
- Cash

The CAPP IPS is the only IPS that allows for investments that can be held in non-U.S. securities in a foreign currency. Per the CAPP IPS, the Core Fixed Income Asset Class and Non-Core Fixed Income Asset Class sections have maximum restrictions that can be held. Currency exposures may be hedged, in a defensive manner, at the discretion of the active managers to preserve the U.S. dollar value of investments made.

As part of the asset allocation approved by the Board in November 2019, the Private Equity Pension Asset Class (PAC) is now referred to as the Private Investments PAC and the High Yield PAC is referred to as the Non-Core Fixed Income PAC. The assets within the U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) PAC, Investment Grade PAC, Agency Mortgage Backed Securities PAC, U.S. Treasury and Agency PAC, Diversifying Strategies PAC, and Broad Fixed Income PAC were combined into the Core Fixed Income PAC. These changes were effective in December 2019. These changes did not have an impact on the underlying value of the securities within the impacted PAC's.

### **TFIP**

The TFIP IPS provides for a 10% portfolio limit for non-core fixed income securities. TFIP invests primarily in investment grade, U.S. dollar denominated fixed income securities. The portfolio has high yield and core real estate exposure.

### STIP

The STIP IPS limits concentration of credit risk exposure by limiting portfolio investment types to 3% in any issuer except for U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agency securities as well as any repurchase agreements with a financial institution.

STIP invests primarily in short-term, high quality, fixed income securities with a maximum maturity of 397 days or less. Variable securities shall have a maximum maturity of 2 years. STIP shall maintain a dollar-weighted average portfolio maturity of 60 days or less. STIP is managed to preserve principal while providing 24-hour liquidity for state agency and local government participants.

Per the STIP IPS, "The STIP portfolio will minimize interest rate risk by:

- structuring the investment portfolio so securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations thereby normally avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity;
- 2) maintaining a WAM of 60 days or less (for this purpose, the date to the next coupon reset date will be used for all floating or variable rate securities); and
- 3) STIP will maintain a reserve account."

#### **SMA**

SMA invests primarily in investment grade, U.S. dollar denominated fixed income securities and custodial bank interest bearing demand deposit account. However, one participant portfolio has exposure to core real estate and high yield fixed income. The SMA portfolio also includes Veteran's Home Loan Mortgages (VHLM) and loans funded by the Coal Severance Tax Trust Fund, as authorized by statute. Please refer to Note 9 – SMA Montana Mortgages and Loans footnote for further detail.

### Other Policy Considerations

For other risk, the Board approves both the IPS and benchmark used for each portfolio. Per the CAPP IPS, the Core Fixed average duration will be maintained in a range within 20% of the benchmark duration. The Core Fixed Income PAC and Non-Core Fixed Income PAC average duration will be maintained in a range within 25% of the index duration. Per the TFIP IPS, the average duration will be maintained in a range within 20% of the benchmark duration. Interest rate risk for SMA is contemplated in each individual IPS and is managed by limiting the maturity of individual securities and/or matching liabilities to maturities per estimated cash flows.

CAPP, TFIP, STIP, and SMA may hold fixed and variable rate securities. Interest payments on variable securities are based on an underlying reference rate, for example, Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR).

### 6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

The Board categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by GAAP as follows:

Level 1 - Quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Board can access as of June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Level 2 - Prices are determined using inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs can include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active or inactive markets, or market-corroborated inputs.

Level 3 - Prices are determined using unobservable inputs, which generally results in the Board using the best information available and may include the Board's own data.

Valuations not classified within these levels are further explained in the Investments at Net Asset Value section of the footnote.

### Fair Value Level

Fixed income and equity investments classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities. Fixed income investments classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

Residential Mortgages classified in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy are present value adjusted.

Direct real estate classified in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy are based on the latest appraised value.

Investments measured at cost are included to account for all investments within each pool and SMA. These assets represent cash equivalents and Montana Mortgages and Loans.

For each of the pools and SMA the Board has the following fair value measurements as of June 30th:

Investments Measured at Fair Valu (in thousands)	ie							
(				Fair	Value N	∕leasurements l	Jsing	
			Active	ted Prices in e Markets for atical Assets	_	Significant Other Observable Inputs		nificant bservable
	Ju	ne 30, 2020	(	Level 1)		(Level 2)	(L	evel 3)
Investments by fair value level								
Fixed income investments:								
Treasuries	\$	1,704,700	\$	1,704,700	\$	-	\$	-
Agency or Government Related		1,603,007		-		1,603,007		-
Asset Backed Securities		229,097		-		229,097		-
Mortgage Backed Securities:								
Noncommercial		1,415,468		-		1,415,468		-
Commercial		326,697		-		326,697		-
Corporate:								
Commercial Paper		398,071		-		398,071		-
Commercial Notes		115,311		-		115,311		-
Certificates of Deposit		300,206		-		300,206		-
Financial		872,181		-		872,181		-
Industrial		1,718,695		-		1,718,695		-
Industrial (Unrated)		2,331		-		2,331		-
Utility		48,095		-		48,095		-
Equity investments		3,997,407		3,997,407		-		-
International equity investments		1,974,031		1,974,031		-		-
Direct Real Estate		19,215		-		-		19,23
Residential Mortgages		2,167		-		-		2,16
Total investments by fair value level	-	14,726,679	\$	7,676,138	\$	7,029,159	\$	21,38
Investments measured at the net asset value (NAV)				•				
Private Equity Partnerships		1,531,566						
Core Real Estate		711,902						
Non-Core Real Estate		484,230						
Natural Resources		261,683						
Real Estate High Income Fund		131,764						
Total investments measured at NAV	-	3,121,145						
Total investments measured at fair value		17,847,824						
Investments at cost								
Cash and cash equivalents held at custodial bank		3,520,543						
SMA Montana Mortgages and Loans		203,601						
Total investments not categorized		3,724,144						
Total investments	\$	21,571,968						

### **Investments at Net Asset Value (NAV)**

The investments measured at NAV for the fiscal year are further detailed below:

Investments Measured at NAV (in thousands)						
				June 3	0, 2020	
					Redemption	
			ι	Infunded	Frequency (If	Redemption Notice
		Fair Value	Cor	mmitments	Currently Eligible)	Period
Private Equity Partnerships	·	1,531,566	\$	1,038,167		
Core Real Estate		711,902		157,793	Monthly, quarterly	45-90 days
Non-Core Real Estate		484,230		502,567		
Natural Resources		261,683		265,305		
Real Estate High Income Fund		131,764			Daily	1 - 3 days
Total investments measured at the NAV	\$	3,121,145	\$	1,963,832		

<u>Private Equity Partnerships</u> - This type includes investments in limited partnerships. Generally speaking, the types of partnership strategies included in this portfolio: venture capital, growth equity, buyouts, special situations, mezzanine and distressed debt. These investments are considered long-term. Redemptions are restricted over the life of the partnership. During the life of the partnerships, distributions are received as underlying partnership investments are realized. It is expected that the underlying assets of the funds will be liquidated over 10 years. It is probable all the investments in this type will be sold at an amount different from the NAV per share (or its equivalent) of the Board's ownership interest in partners' capital.

<u>Core Real Estate</u> - This type includes funds that invest primarily in core real estate, which makes equity investments in operating and substantially-leased institutional quality real estate in traditional property types (apartments, office, retail, industrial and hotel) via commingled funds. The primary investment objectives of these core real estate funds are to invest in real estate that will generate income from predictable sources of revenue and not to realize gains on the underlying assets. This investment type receives distributions of generated income and occasionally through the liquidation of the underlying assets of the fund. The fair values of the investments in this category have been determined using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) of the Board's ownership interest in the partners' capital. Redemption of these investments is restricted based on the availability of cash flow arising from investment transactions, sales, and other fund operations occurring in the ordinary course of business. Therefore, requested redemptions from a fund will be redeemed as funds become available.

Non-Core Real Estate - This type includes private partnership funds that primarily invest in value added and opportunistic real estate funds. These funds assume more risk than the core real estate funds to achieve a greater return on investment. Returns are driven both by current income and by expected capital appreciation. This investment type receives distributions of generated income and occasionally through the liquidation of the underlying assets of the fund. It is expected that the underlying assets of the funds will be liquidated over 7 to 10 years. These investments can never be redeemed. The fair values of the investments in this category have been determined using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) of the Board's ownership interest in the partners' capital.

<u>Natural Resources</u> - This type includes private partnership funds that primarily invest in timber, energy and broad natural resource funds. This investment type receives distributions of generated income and occasionally through the liquidation of the underlying assets of the fund. It is expected that the underlying assets of the funds will be liquidated over 10 to 20 years. The fair values of the investments in this category have been determined using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) of the Board's ownership interest in the partners' capital.

Real Estate High Income Fund - This type consists of predominantly of real estate related instruments with an emphasis in U.S. corporate credits, whether in the form of bonds or loans that are rated below investment grade. These assets carry a higher risk of default than investment grade securities and accordingly provide a higher level of income or yield commensurate with that risk. The fair values of the investments of this type have been determined using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) of the investments.

#### FAIR VALUE OF DERIVATIVES INVESTMENTS

The UIP invests in, currency forward contracts, credit default swaps, index futures (long duration), rights and warrants which are classified as investment derivative instruments. The investment derivative instruments decreased in fair value for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 by \$2.1 million. The contracts had a fair value of \$152 thousand as of the end of the fiscal year. The notional amount of the contracts was \$10.3 million.

### 8. COAL SEVERANCE TAX TRUST FUND LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMMITMENTS

The Board makes firm commitments to fund commercial loans and residential mortgages from the Coal Severance Tax Trust Fund. These commitments have expiration dates and may be extended per Board policies. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Board had committed, but not yet purchased, \$21.7 million in loans from Montana lenders. In addition to the above commitments, lenders had reserved \$8.1 million for loans as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. An additional \$826 thousand represented lender reservations for the VHLM residential mortgage purchases with no purchase commitments.

The Board makes reservations to fund residential mortgages from the state's pension funds. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, there were no residential mortgage reservations. All Board residential mortgage purchases are processed by the Montana Board of Housing (MBOH). The MBOH does not differentiate between a residential mortgage reservation and a funding commitment.

### 9. SMA MONTANA MORTGAGES AND LOANS

The SMA portfolio includes mortgages and loans, funded by the Coal Severance Tax Trust Fund as authorized by statute. Mortgages and loans shown in the following table are reported at cost.

Montana Mortgages and Loans as o (in thousands)	f June 30, 2020	
Science and Technology Alliance Montana University System - MSTA Montana Facility Finance Local Government Infrastructure Veterans' Home Loan Mortgages Multifamily Coal Trust Homes Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) Loans Commercial Loans	\$	579 7,588 9,285 13,981 47,951 1,673 4,216 118,328
Total Montana Mortgages and Loans at cost	\$	203,601

### 10. TAX ABATEMENT

Within the Board's SMA Commercial Loan Program, by statute, the Infrastructure Loan Program is funded by an \$80 million allocation. Eligible local governments request a loan for constructing or purchasing infrastructure to be used by a basic sector business. The basic sector business will pay a user fee to the local government that is pledged to the Board for the loan repayment. The Board reviews each loan and only upon verification that the entities meet the loan requirements is the loan approved by the Board. The Board is part of the primary government of the State.

To be eligible for the program, the basic sector business must create at least 15 full-time basic sector jobs. The maximum loan size is a principal amount of \$16,666 multiplied by the number of full-time jobs created with a minimum loan size of \$250 thousand. The maximum loan term is 25 years. There is also up to a 2.5% interest rate reduction for job creation. The reduction will be reflected in the user fee rate charged to the basic sector business upon Board review and approval. The basic sector business must create the required jobs within four years of the agreement. If the basic sector business does not create the required jobs within the four-year period, then the basic sector business must pay down the loan balance of the local government entity until the loan balance matches the eligible amount per the jobs created. The Board may increase the interest rate commensurate with the number of jobs eliminated if the borrower eliminates qualifying jobs. The basic sector business must annually provide payroll documentation to the Board.

Pursuant to statute, a business that is created or expanded as the result of an Infrastructure Loan is entitled to a credit against either their State individual income taxes or corporate income taxes for the portion of the fees attributable to the use of the infrastructure. The total amount of tax credit claimed may not exceed the amount of the loan. The credit may be carried forward for seven years or carried back for three years.

During the fiscal year, basic sector business entities made total user fee payments of \$8.9 million, representing \$7.5 million of principal and \$1.4 million in interest. During the fiscal year, a total of \$14 million was claimed as a credit against the State individual and corporation tax liability. The following table details the credit claimed by tax type and the tax year (TY) it was applied against.

Total Fiscal Year 2020 Infrastructure Credits Claimed										
		For T		For TY 2018						
	Cor	porate	Ind	ividual	Corporate		Individual			
	Inco	me Tax	Income Tax		Income Tax		Income Tax			
Amount Claimed (in thousands)	\$	-	\$	6,476	\$	1,159	\$	6,320		
Number of Credits		-		*		13	*			
* indicates less than 10. Number can	not be rep	orted due	to conf	identiality	concer	ns.				

The local government entity must pass a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the commitment agreement. The Board indemnifies the local government regarding repayment of the loan.

### 11. BOND AND LOAN GUARANTEES

As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Board had provided loan guarantees from STIP, TFIP, the Coal Severance Tax Trust Fund, and the Treasurer's Cash Fund to the Enterprise Fund for exposure to INTERCAP bond issues amounting to approximately \$90.7 million and to the Montana Facility Finance Authority (MFFA) amounting to approximately \$88.3 million. The Board has not had to perform on any bond and loan guarantee in the past.

STIP and TFIP are external investment pools managed by the Board. Both the Coal Severance Tax Trust Fund and the Enterprise Fund are part of the primary government for the State of Montana. The Board manages the Treasurer's Cash Fund which consists of fund balances of all the funds for the State whose investment earnings are permitted by law to flow to the State's General Fund. The Board has irrevocably pledged to make loans to cure INTERCAP reserve account deficiencies and to purchase tendered bonds not redeemed or remarketed. The outstanding bonds have final maturities of March 1, 2025 – March 1, 2042. The Board has not had to perform on any loan guarantee in the past. The amounts are merely commitments of the Board.

By statute, the Board is authorized to credit enhance the INTERCAP bonds and allows the Board to charge a fee for this service. There is an annual fee of up to 15 basis points on outstanding INTERCAP bonds. If the Board was called on to purchase tendered bonds not redeemed or remarketed, INTERCAP's governing bond indenture requires the Board to be paid a fee equal to 25 basis points of the principal amount of tendered bonds purchased. The credit enhancement fee received during the fiscal year was \$157 thousand. Refer to Note 12 – STIP Reserve footnote for further detail.

MFFA is a discretely presented component unit of the State of Montana. MFFA guarantee requests are submitted to the Board for review and approval. The Board's participation, either duration or any other consideration, to either purchase bonds or loans or to lend money for deposit into MFFA's statutorily allowed capital reserve account is explicitly limited by statute which requires the Board to act prudently. The guarantee requests from MFFA pertain to bonds issued by MFFA with a term of up to 40 years. The Board receives a credit enhancement fee at MFFA bond closing based on the term of the financing, the type of bond, the rating of the borrower, and the type of reserve fund. The Board and MFFA have entered into an agreement detailing repayment to the Board. The credit enhancement fee received during the fiscal year was \$54 thousand.

The following schedule summarizes the guarantee activity during the fiscal year:

Bond and Loan Guarantee Activity as of June 30, 2020 (in thousands)											
	Beginning Balance			<u>Additions</u>		<u>Reductions</u>	Ending Balance				
INTERCAP	\$	105,065	\$	-	\$	14,395	\$	90,670			
MFFA		88,941		4,000		4,595		88,346			

### 12. STIP RESERVE

The reserve account may be used to offset losses within the STIP portfolio. Refer to Note 11 – Bond and Loan Guarantees for more detail. The following table details STIP Reserve activity:

STIP Reserve Activity as of June 30, 2020 (in thousands)							
Beginning STIP Reserve	\$	47,528					
STIP Reserve activity							
Investment earnings:							
Interest income		650					
Transfer of daily STIP income		3,510					
Recoveries from write offs		846					
Credit enhancement fees		157					
Total investment earnings		5,163					
Transfers to STIP		(127)					
Total STIP Reserve activity		5,036					
Ending STIP Reserve	\$	52,564					

### 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Since June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Board has committed an additional \$203.5 million within the Real Estate Pension Asset Class of CAPP. Refer to Note 2 – Investments Commitments for further detail.

Since June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Board has committed and funded an additional \$1.5 million to Montana lenders from the Coal Severance Tax Permanent Fund's In-State Loan Program and committed, but not yet funded, an additional \$1.5 million. In addition to these commitments, lenders have also reserved \$3.4 million in new loans. Of the reservations in effect as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, \$7.0 million have since expired. Additional reservations in the amount of \$2.4 million were made for the VHLM residential mortgage purchases. Refer to Note 8 – Coal Severance Tax Trust Fund Loan and Mortgage Commitments for further detail.

In August based on Board action, the Board approved an additional loan guarantee from the Coal Severance Tax Permanent Fund to Montana Facility Finance Authority totaling \$20 million.

Moody's Market, Inc. et al. v. Montana State Fund, Montana Board of Investments, and State of Montana (Cause # DV-18-12) is a case filed by a group of Montana State Fund (MSF) policyholders, in Lake County District Court. MSF Policyholders filed this in an effort to prevent the Board of Investments (BOI) from charging a 3.0% management fee on any single investor whose average portfolio balance held by BOI is greater than \$1.0 billion. This fee was implemented per Senate Bill (SB) 4, passed during the 2017 Legislative Special Session. The District Court issued a decision dismissing MSF as a party and subsequently dismissed the case against the State of Montana and Board of investments. The plaintiffs appealed the District Court Decision to the Montana Supreme Court.

The Montana Supreme Court dismissed the appeal on justiciability grounds because SB4 had terminated by its own terms, thereby sustaining the District Court's decision dismissing the underlying case. While plaintiffs have indicated they may attempt to continue litigating the case, no new complaint or other pleading has been filed.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

MONTANA UNIFIED INVESTMENT PROGRAM					
COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION					
AS OF FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020					
(in thousands)					
			TI		
Assets			State	Local	
	Total	CAPP			SMA
Investments					
Cash and cash equivalents					
Cash equivalent/STIP - held within pools	\$ -	\$ 141,616	\$ 75,323	\$ 375	\$ -
Cash and cash equivalents held at custodial bank	3,520,543	206,534	6,837	34	1,198,871
Total cash and cash equivalents	3,520,543	348,150	82,160	409	1,198,871
Investments at cost	203,601	-	-	-	203,601
Investments at fair value	17,847,824	11,325,737	2,549,233	12,708	1,533,588
Total investments	21,571,968	11,673,887	2,631,393	13,117	2,936,060
Securities lending cash collateral	153,079	62,203	47,964	239	42,673
Receivables					
Broker receivable for securities sold but not settled	49,273	48,553	673	3	44
Dividend and interest receivable	49,883	26,372	13,773	69	7,608
Total receivables	99,156	74,925	14,446	72	7,652
Total assets	21,824,203	11,811,015	2,693,803	13,428	2,986,385
Liabilities					
Payables					
Broker payable for securities purchased but not settled	90,529	84,985	4,328	22	1,194
Income due participants	14,892	-	5,711	28	7,142
Other payable	2,043	1,998	27	-	18
Administrative fee payable	3,638	3,436	172	1	29
Total payables	111,102	90,419	10,238	51	8,383
Securities lending obligations	153,079	62,203	47,964	239	42,673
Total liabilities	264,181	152,622	58,202	290	51,056
Net position held in trust for pool and SMA participants	\$ 21,560,022	\$ 11,658,393	\$ 2,635,601	\$ 13,138	\$ 2,935,329

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MONTANA UNIFIED INVESTMENT PROGRAM COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION AS OF FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 (in thousands) STIP STIP included Reserve Assets State included in in investment Local Agencies Governments Reserve STIP\*\* pools\* Investments Cash and cash equivalents Cash equivalent/STIP - held within pools \$ (217,314) 1,273,511 782,198 52,558 Cash and cash equivalents held at custodial bank Total cash and cash equivalents 1,273,511 782,198 52,558 (217, 314)Investments at cost Investments at fair value 1,503,252 923,306 (217,314) 2,776,763 1,705,504 52,558 Total investments Securities lending cash collateral Receivables Broker receivable for securities sold but not settled Dividend and interest receivable 1,273 782 6 Total receivables 1,273 782 6 Total assets 2,778,036 1,706,286 52,564 (217, 314)Liabilities Payables Broker payable for securities purchased but not settled Income due participants 1,246 765 Other payable Administrative fee payable Total payables 1,246 765

\*STIP holdings, purchases, sales, and investment earnings within investment pools are offset to calculate a combining total.

Securities lending obligations

Net position held in trust for pool and SMA participants

Total liabilities

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1,246

\$ 2,776,790

765

52,564

(217,314)

\$ 1,705,521

<sup>\*\*</sup>STIP Reserve investment earnings and reserve expense within STIP are offset to calculate a combining total.

MONTANA UNIFIED INVESTMENT PROGRAM COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 (in thousands) TFIP State Local Agencies Total CAPP SMA Governments Additions Purchases by participants \$ 11,502,341 \$ 211,990 \$ 89,729 \$ 3,938,580 Net investment earnings Investment earnings Net increase (decrease) on fair value of investments 122,230 575 58,500 333,288 115,130 Dividend/interest income 410,944 254,411 80,804 403 42,482 1,130 Other investment income 745,362 376,641 195,934 978 100,982 Investment earnings Investment costs (56,423) (51,436) (2,233)(11) (1,886) Other investment expenses (11,417)(11,260)(30)Short Term Investment Pool reserve expense 677,522 313,945 193,671 967 99,096 Net investment income 2,160 1,349 507 2 302 Securities lending income (1,155)(719)(310)(2) (124)Securities lending expense 1,005 630 Net securities lending income 197 178 12,180,868 526,565 283,597 967 4,037,854 Total additions Deductions Sales by participants 10,050,569 342,251 69,227 2,789,328 78,550 392 40,517 183,117 Income distributions to participants 342,251 392 Total deductions 10,233,686 147,777 2,829,845 1,947,182 184,314 135,820 575 1,208,009 Change in net position 2,499,781 Net position held in trust for pool and SMA participants - beginning of year 19,612,840 11,474,079 12,563 1,727,320 \$ 21,560,022 <u>13,1</u>38 \$ 11,658,393 2,635,601 2,935,329 Net position held in trust for pool and SMA participants - end of year

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MONTANA UNIFIED INVESTMENT PROGRAM
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020
(in thousands)

	STIP				_
				Reserve	STIP included
		State Local		included in STIP**	in investment
Additions	Agencies	Governments	Reserve	2115	pools*
Purchases by participants	\$ 6.787.716	\$ 1,600,124	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,125,798)
Net investment earnings	ψ 0,707,710	7 1,000,124	7	7	Ų (1,123,730)
Investment earnings					
Net increase (decrease) on fair value of investments	23,973	12,880	-	-	-
Dividend/interest income	23,571	12,574	650	(650)	(3,301)
Other investment income	737	393	4,513	(4,513)	
Investment earnings	48,281	25,847	5,163	(5,163)	(3,301)
Investment costs	(559)	(298)	-		-
Other investment expenses	-	-	(127)	-	-
Short Term Investment Pool reserve expense	(3,367)	(1,796)		5,163	
Net investment income	44,355	23,753	5,036		(3,301)
Securities lending income	-	-	-	-	-
Securities lending expense					
Net securities lending income					
Total additions	6,832,071	1,623,877	5,036		(1,129,099)
Deductions					
Sales by participants	6,565,632	1,270,894	-	-	(986,763)
Income distributions to participants	43,665	23,294			(3,301)
Total deductions	6,609,297	1,294,188			(990,064)
Change in net position	222,774	329,689	5,036		(139,035)
Net position held in trust for pool and SMA participants - beginning of year	2,554,016	1,375,832	47,528		(78,279)
Net position held in trust for pool and SMA participants - end of year	\$ 2,776,790	\$ 1,705,521	\$ 52,564	\$ -	\$ (217,314)

<sup>\*</sup>STIP holdings, purchases, sales, and investment earnings within investment pools are offset to calculate a combining total.

<sup>\*\*</sup>STIP Reserve investment earnings and reserve expense within STIP are offset to calculate a combining total.

# Independent Auditor's Report and Enterprise Fund Program Financial Statements

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Deputy Legislative Auditors: Cindy Jorgenson William Soller

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Legislative Audit Committee of the Montana State Legislature:

### Introduction

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Net Position of the Montana Board of Investments' (board) Enterprise Fund Program as of June 30, 2020, the related Statement of Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position, and the Statement of Cash Flows for the fiscal year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this responsibility includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the board's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the board's internal control, and accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Montana Board of Investments' Enterprise Fund Program as of June 30, 2020, and the changes in fund net position and cash flows for the fiscal year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Emphasis of Matters

As discussed on page A-51 in the notes to the financial statements, the Montana Board of Investments' Enterprise Fund Program financial statements are intended to present the financial position, changes in net position, and cash flows of only the portion of the financial reporting entity of the state of Montana that are attributed to the transactions of the Enterprise Fund Program at the board. They do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the state of Montana as of June 30, 2020, or the changes in its financial position and cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

As discussed in Note 2 to the Enterprise Fund financial statements, the fiscal year 2019 financial statements presented a non-current asset of Property Held in Custody for Others and a noncurrent liability of Held in Custody for Others on the Statement of Net Position of approximately \$2 million. The board moved these funds out of the Enterprise Fund and into a custodial fund reported within the state of Montana's financial statements during the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board statement number 84. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### Other Matters

### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on page A-42, the Schedule of Net Pension Liability on page A-72, the Schedule of Contributions on page A-72, and the Schedule of Total OPEB Liability on page A-73 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the

information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 14, 2020, on our consideration of the Montana Board of Investment's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the board's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cindy Jorgenson

Cindy Jorgenson, CPA Deputy Legislative Auditor Helena, MT

December 14, 2020

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis for the Enterprise Fund (the Fund) of the Board of Investments (the Board) of the State of Montana (the State) is presented as an introduction to the financial statements of the Fund. It is meant to assist the reader in understanding the financial statements by providing an overall review of the financial activities during the year, as well as to provide a comparison to the prior year's activities and results.

In addition to the Fund, the Board also administers the Unified Investment Program (UIP) to account for investing activities for local governments, component units, and state agencies. This section of the report represents only the Fund. The UIP financial statements are presented separately.

### **Financial Highlights**

The Fund's total net position for fiscal years ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019 were approximately \$5.4 million in each year. The net position decreased \$53 thousand for the year ended June 30, 2020 as compared to June 30, 2019.

Operating revenue of the Fund decreased for the year ending June 30, 2020 to \$2.5 million as compared to \$3.2 million in the prior year. This was primarily due to a decrease in investment revenue in the amount of \$242 thousand and a decrease in financing revenue in the amount of \$475 thousand.

Operating expenses of the Fund decreased for the year to \$2.5 million as compared to \$2.9 million in the prior year. This decrease in expenses was primarily the result of lower interest paid on outstanding bonds in the amount of \$199 thousand and a decrease of \$149 thousand in personal services primarily related to the prior year retirement benefit payouts of employees.

As a result of operations, the net of operating revenue and operating expenses resulted in an operating loss for the Fund for the year of approximately \$53 thousand. This is in comparison to an operating income of approximately \$303 thousand in the previous fiscal year.

Cash flow of the Fund decreased by approximately \$1.2 million for the fiscal year as compared to a net increase in cash flow of approximately \$3.6 million in the prior fiscal year. During fiscal year 2020, the loans funded were in the amount of \$29.1 million as compared to \$27 million in the prior year. The outflow for payment of principal and interest on bonds was \$16.8 million in 2020 as compared to \$2.2 million in 2019. This change in outflow occurred primarily due to the optional redemption of outstanding bonds by the Board. Collections for principal and interest on loans also increased by \$11.0 million in 2020 as compared to 2019 primarily due to the prepayment of a loan by a single state entity borrower.

### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

The Fund is a Proprietary Fund of the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which is separately issued from these financial statements. The Fund is not an entire reporting entity as described within accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). However, the Fund provides this report to account for State programs created under the Municipal Finance Consolidation Act and Economic Development Bond Act of the State.

The financial statements and footnotes follow this section of the report. The financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with GAAP.

The **Statement of Net Position** provides information on the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and the elements of Net Position of the Fund as of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

The **Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position** provides information on the various flows of operating revenues, operating expenses, non-operating revenues, and non-operating expenses for the Fund for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

The **Statement of Cash Flows** presents information on the sources and uses of cash during the most recent fiscal year. The Statement of Cash Flows is subdivided into three major sections to show cash provided or used by operating, capital and related financing, and investing activities. GAAP requires this statement to be reported utilizing a direct relationship of cash to sources of flows with a reconciliation of net cash provided by or used for operating activities to net operating income. A further schedule is also provided for non-cash transactions, primarily relating to the increase or decrease in the fair value of the Fund's investments that occurred during the fiscal year but did not result in cash flows.

The **Notes to the Basic Financial Statements** provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements of the Fund.

Additional **Required Supplementary Information** is presented in accordance with GAAP related to the defined benefit pensions and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

### **Financial Analysis**

*Net Position.* The following is a condensed Statement of Net Position of the Fund as of June 30, 2020 as compared to the prior year:

<b>Condensed Statement of Net Position</b>	As of June 30,			
(in thousands)	<u>2020</u>	<u> 2019</u>		
Assets				
Non-capital assets	\$96,751	\$113,851		
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	1	0		
Total Assets	96,752	113,851		
Deferred Outflows of Resources	51	80		
Liabilities				
Current liabilities	91,047	105,809		
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>327</u>	2,627		
Total Liabilities	91,374	108,436		
Deferred Inflows of Resources	58	82		
Net Position:				
Invested in Capital Assets	1	0		
Restricted Net Position	274	1,693		
Unrestricted Net Position	<u>5,096</u>	<u>3,720</u>		
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$5,371</u>	\$ <u>5,413</u>		

As of June 30, 2020, most of the assets remained composed of note and loan interest and principal receivable in accordance with the INTERCAP program presented in the Fund. As described in more detail in the notes to the basic financial statements, the Fund issues notes and loans for eligible Montana local governments, state agencies, and component units.

At the end of the fiscal year, the total note and loan principal portfolio receivable was approximately \$69.0 million, as compared to approximately \$79.7 million at the beginning of the year. Approximately \$29.1 million in loans were funded during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The Fund received repayments of approximately \$42.2 million, including principal and interest. None of the portfolio is considered in default as of the end of the fiscal year.

The remaining assets are comprised of cash and cash equivalents, interest receivable related to investments, and investments at fair value. As described in the Notes to the basic financial statements, most of the fair value of investments are held in either United States Treasury securities, United States government indirect obligations or similar funds utilizing a short duration and minimal risk.

Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are related to various elements of defined benefit pensions and OPEB that are recognized as part of future years' expenses due to the passage of time. The prior period adjustment was an increase to the beginning net position by \$11 thousand dollars, which was the result of an increase in accounts payable of \$7 thousand dollars due to a correction of personal services and \$4 thousand was the result of an adjustment for a change in methodology in the calculation of the Other Post Employment Benefit liability, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflow of Resources.

Most of the Fund's liabilities are bonds payable related to debt issuances that fund the INTERCAP loans for eligible Montana governmental units. As discussed in the Notes to the basic financial statements, the amounts are deemed current liabilities as they may be payable on demand each March 1<sup>st</sup> prior to final maturity in 2042.

The total net position of the Fund is comprised of three elements as required by GAAP. Unrestricted Net Position is the largest element that represents the accumulated unrestricted changes in net position since the inception of the Fund. Restricted Net Position is comprised of amounts related to Montana Economic Development Bonds and the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. Restricted net position can only be reused in accordance with those provisions.

Changes in Net Position. The following is a condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position by major sources for the current and prior fiscal years ended June 30.

Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses	Fiscal Years Ended June 30,		
and Changes in Net Position	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	
(in thousands)			
Operating Revenues			
Financing Income	\$2,041	\$2,516	
Other	448	<u>724</u>	
Total Operating Revenues	2,489	3,240	
Operating Expenses			
Debt Service	2,008	2,255	
Personal Services	253	402	
Other	<u>281</u>	<u>280</u>	
Total Operating Expenses	<u>2,542</u>	<u>2,937</u>	
Operating Income (Loss)	(53)	303	
Change in Fund Net Position	<u>(53)</u>	<u>303</u>	
Total Fund Net Position as of the Beginning of the Year	5,413	5,109	
Prior Period Adjustment	<u>11</u>	<u>_1</u>	
Total Fund Net Position as of the Beginning of the Year, Restated	<u>5,424</u>	<u>5,110</u>	
Total Fund Net Position as of the End of Year	<u>\$5,371</u>	\$ <u>5,413</u>	

Operating revenues were primarily related to financing income related to the INTERCAP note and loan portfolio. Financing income primarily decreased from the prior year due to the borrower interest rate decreasing in February

2020 to 2.50% from 3.37% and increasing in February 2019 to 3.37% from 3.15%. Other operating revenues are comprised of investment income, primarily from investment interest and changes in fair value.

Operating expenses occur in two areas: debt service and personal services. Debt service on the bonds includes interest expense, trustee fees and similar, which decreased this year because of lower interest rates. Personal services include employee compensation, compensated absence expense, sick leave and other compensatory time recognized during the fiscal year. These amounts decreased this year due to the prior year retirement of employees. Such amounts are part of a legislatively approved rate and a Board approved budget.

Other amounts include contracted services, supplies and materials, communications, travel, rent, pensions, postemployment benefits, and other overhead expenses. These expenses remained the same during the year.

The net of all the flows resulted in a \$1.4 million increase to Unrestricted Net Position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 and a \$1.4 million decrease to Restricted Net Position primarily due to the retirement of the bonds and spending of bond proceeds. Total Net Position remains substantially unchanged from the prior year.

### **Operational Highlights**

Board operations were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to ensuring the personal safety of staff in accordance with State guidelines, the Board voted to reduce INTERCAP rates by 1.5% for the March debt service payment by borrowers to mitigate economic distress.

### Economic Factors and Currently Known Facts that may Impact the Fund's Operations in the Future

The Board's 25-year tax-exempt Municipal Finance Consolidated Act Bonds used to fund low variable interest rate loans through INTERCAP provide bondholders with an annual tender option that, if tendered, are remarketed every February. Market conditions that include, but are not limited to, supply and demand along with other similar rated credits pricing at the time of remarketing influence the bond yield negotiated each year.

Requests for Information and Transparency. This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Fund's operations. Questions concerning any of the information contained in this report or requests for additional information about the Board's operations, should be addressed to the Board at 2401 Colonial Drive, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, PO Box 200126, Helena, Montana 59620-0126. The Board may be reached by phone at 406.444.0001, fax at 406.449.6579 or TDD at 406.841.2702. Board Meeting agenda and minutes are posted at <a href="http://investmentmt.com/meetings">http://investmentmt.com/meetings</a>.

#### ENTERPRISE FUND (An Enterprise Fund of the State of Montana) STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2020 (in thousands) Assets **Current assets** \$ 26,546 Cash and cash equivalents 410 Interest receivable 7,618 Notes/loans receivable Interfund notes/loans 3,313 Interfund interest receivable 25 Component Unit notes/loans 1,482 Component Unit interest receivable 43 Short-term investments at fair value 146 39,583 Total current assets Noncurrent assets Restricted investments at fair value 564 39,704 Notes/loans receivable Interfund notes/loans and interest receivable 7,008 9,892 Component Unit notes/loans receivable Equipment 4 Accumulated depreciation (3)57,169 Total noncurrent assets Total assets 96,752 Deferred outflows of resources 51 Liabilities **Current liabilities** 7 Accounts payable Lease payable 1 Accrued expenses 34 Accrued interest payable 302 Compensated absences 32 Current bonds/notes payable 90,670 91,046 Total current liabilities Noncurrent liabilities Lease payable 1 22 Compensated absences 22 Arbitrage rebate tax payable Total OPEB liability 14 Net pension liability 269 328 Total noncurrent liabilities Total liabilities 91,374 Deferred inflows of resources 58 Net position Net investment in capital assets 274 Restricted Unrestricted 5,096 5,371 Total net position The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

### ENTERPRISE FUND (An Enterprise Fund of the State of Montana) STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 (in thousands) Operating revenue Reimbursements \$ Investment revenue 441 Financing revenue 2,041 Total operating revenue 2,489 Operating expenses Personal services 253 Contracted services 54 7 Supplies and materials Communications 8 Travel 2 Rent 53 56 Indirect and other costs **OPEB** expense 1 Pension expense 28 Arbitrage rebate tax expense 72 Debt service 1,612 Interest expense Trustee fee expense 66 Credit enhancement fee 158 Other debt service expense 172 Total operating expenses 2,542 Operating income (loss) (53)Change in fund net position (53)Total fund net position, July 1, as previously reported 5.413 Prior period adjustment Total fund net position, July 1, as restated 5,424 Total fund net position, June 30 5,371

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ENTERPRISE FUND (An Enterprise Fund of the State of Montana) STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 (in thousands)		
Cash flows from operating activities: Reimbursements Payments to suppliers for goods and services Payments to employees	\$	7 (248) (384)
Net cash (used for) operating activities	_	(625)
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities: Payment of principal and interest on bonds and notes		(16,756)
Net cash (used for) provided by non-capital financing activities	_	(16,756)
Cash flows from investing activities: Collections for principal and interest on loans Cash payments for loans Purchase of investments Proceeds from sales or maturities of investments Interest on deposits/investments	_	42,170 (29,093) (5,546) 8,218 455
Net cash (used for) provided by investing activities	_	16,204
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents, July 1 Cash and cash equivalents, June 30	\$ <u></u>	(1,177) 27,723 26,546

Statement continued on next page.

ENTERPRISE FUND (An Enterprise Fund of the State of Montana)		
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020		
(in thousands)		
Reconciliation of net income to net cash (used for) operating activities:		
Net operating income (loss)	\$	(53)
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Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used for) operating activities		
Interest on investments		(441)
Financing income		(2,041)
Interest expense		2,008
Change in assets, liabilities, deferred inflows, and deferred outflows:		
Decrease (increase) in OPEB deferred outflows		(3)
Decrease (increase) in pension deferred outflows (Notes 11, 14)		33
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		1
Increase (decrease) in lease payable		1
Increase (decrease) in arbitrage payable		(23)
Increase (decrease) in other payables		15
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences payable		(16)
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability		(76)
Increase (decrease) in OPEB liability		(6)
Increase (decrease) in OPEB deferred inflows of resources		7
Increase (decrease) in pension deferred inflows of resources		(32)
Total adjustments	_	(572)
		(625)
Net cash (used for) operating activities	_	(625)
Schedule of noncash transactions:		
Increase/(decrease) in fair value of investments		(9)
Total noncash transactions	\$	(9)
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.		

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

These financial statements present only the activity of the Enterprise Fund (the Fund) as managed by the Board of Investments (the Board). The Fund is reported as a proprietary fund within the State of Montana's (the State) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the CAFR). The State's CAFR is available from the Montana Department of Administration's State Financial Services Division website <a href="http://sfsd.mt.gov/SAB/cafr">http://sfsd.mt.gov/SAB/cafr</a>; at Room 255 Mitchell Building, 125 North Roberts Street, PO Box 200102, Helena, MT 59620-0102 or at 406-444-3092.

### 1. DESCRIPTION OF FUND AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **DESCRIPTION OF FUND**

The Board uses the Fund to account for its programs created under the Municipal Finance Consolidation Act and the Economic Development Bond Act.

Municipal Finance Consolidation Act programs include:

- The INTERCAP Revolving Loan Program (INTERCAP) provides funds to eligible Montana state and local governments to finance capital expenditures for up to fifteen years or the useful life of the project, whichever is less.
- Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Program provides a financial instrument that is a different form of subsidy from traditional tax-exempt bonds. The federal government pays the interest on the QZABs in the form of an annual tax credit to a bank (or other eligible financial institution) that holds the QZAB. The Board acts as a legal funding conduit only and is not liable for the repayment of the bonds.
- Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) Program provides a financial instrument that is a different form
  of subsidy from traditional tax-exempt bonds. The revenues of the borrower are pledged to repay the
  bonds. The Board acts as a legal funding conduit only and is not liable for the repayment of the bonds.

Economic Development Bond Act programs include:

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CRP), created in 1990 by issuing bonds, allows farmers to receive a lump sum payment by assigning their federal CRP contract to the Board. The farmers under contract must comply with seeding and other requirements. The outstanding principle and interest within this program as of June 30, 2020 was \$15 thousand.

### BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting and have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for governments (GAAP) as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

### **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents are generally short-term, highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less at time of purchase and are reported at cost. For additional detail, see Note 3 – Cash and Investments.

### **INVESTMENTS**

Investments are presented in the Statement of Net Position at fair value. Investment fair values for publicly traded securities are determined primarily by reference to market prices supplied by the Board's trustee. For additional detail, see Note 3 – Cash and Investments.

### RECEIVABLES

Receivables primarily represent notes and loans classified in three categories as follows:

- 1) Notes and loans receivable from local governments.
- 2) Interfund notes and loans receivable from state agency governments.
- 3) Component Unit notes and loans receivable from university units for which the State is financially accountable.

Notes and loans generally have terms of less than 15 years. For additional detail, see Note 4 - Receivables.

### **CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION**

Capital assets include equipment with a cost of \$5 thousand or more. Capital assets are valued at historical cost. In accordance with state policy, the capital assets are depreciated on a straight-line methodology over an estimated useful life of 5 - 10 years. The capital assets within the fund represent equipment. Assets less than \$5 thousand at time of acquisition are expensed.

#### **CAPITAL LEASES**

A capital lease is a lease which transfers benefits and risks of ownership to the lessee. At the inception of the lease a capital lease liability is recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments. Further detail related to capital leases is provided in Note 6 – Capital Leases.

### ARBITRAGE REBATE

The amount of investment income the Fund may earn and retain on the proceeds of various bonds is limited by federal tax law. Earnings more than the allowable amount must be rebated to the United States Treasury. As of June 30, 2020, \$22 thousand of such excess earnings are recorded as part of liabilities.

Arbitrage as of June 30, 2020									
(in thousands)									
	<u>Begini</u>	ning Balance		<u>Additions</u>			<u>Reductions</u>	Ending I	Balance
Current	\$	43	\$		-	\$	(43)	\$	=
Non-Currrent	\$	1	\$		21	\$	-	\$	22
Total	\$	44	\$		21	\$	(43)	\$	22

### **COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

Compensated absences reflect the accrued benefits due to employees at the end of the fiscal year.

### PENSIONS AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

Information about the fiduciary net position of the Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA) and the State Group Benefits Plan administered by the Montana Department of Administration, along with additions to and deductions from fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as those systems for the purposes of measuring the net pension liability and the net OPEB liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and OPEB, and pension and OPEB expense, respectively. Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions, are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms for this purpose. For additional detail, see Notes 10 – Pensions and 11 – OPEB.

#### **NET POSITION**

Net Position represents the accumulated net profits of the Fund's programs, portions of which are restricted under bond indentures governing the use of these funds.

### **OPERATING AND NONOPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES**

Operating revenues reflect interest income on loans and investments, change in fair value of investments, and directly related investment expenses offsetting investment income. Operating expenses include interest expense,

general and administrative expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are nonoperating.

# **USE OF ESTIMATES**

In conformity with GAAP, management may make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from estimated amounts.

# 2. OTHER ACCOUNTING CHANGES

# **PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT**

The prior period adjustment was an increase to the beginning net position by eleven thousand dollars;

- Seven thousand was the result of an adjustment to personal services,
- Four thousand was the result of an adjustment for a change in methodology in the calculation of the Other Post Employment Benefit liability, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflow of Resources

#### **NEW ACCOUNTING GUIDANCE IMPLEMENTED**

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Board implemented GASB Statement 84 – Fiduciary Activities. The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. Amounts previously reported as property held in trust on the Enterprise financial statements have been moved to a custodial fund reported within the State CAFR. For further detail, see Note 8 – Conduit (No Commitment) Debt.

## 3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

# **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents, as identified in the Statement of Net Position, are as follows:

Cash and Cash Equivalents (in thousands)	June 30, 2020
Cash in treasury Short Term Investment Pool (STIP) First American Government Obligation Fund	\$ 47 356 26,143
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 26,546

The Fund invests its operational cash in the Board's Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP), an external investment pool. STIP is managed to preserve principal while providing 24-hour liquidity for state agencies, component units, and local government participants. Funds may be invested for one or more days. The STIP investments and the income are owned by the participants and are managed on their behalf by the Board. Cash and cash equivalents are reported at cost.

# **INVESTMENTS AND INVESTMENT RISKS**

The Fund deposits and investments are restricted by the bond trust indenture to the following: government and agency obligations, certificates of deposits, repurchase agreements, and investment agreements. The bond trust indenture addresses custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk, credit risk, interest rate and credit quality risk by detailing the permitted investments. The Board's STIP Investment Policy Statement (IPS) details custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk, and credit risk. Deposits and investments must be made with Montana banks or in the STIP administered by the Board.

#### **CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the Board will not be able to recover the value of the investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Per policy, the Board's custodial bank's rating from at least two Nationally Registered Statistical Ratings Organizations (NRSROs) is reviewed on an annual basis.

## Cash

Custodial risk for cash is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the custodial financial institution, the cash or collateral securities may not be recovered from an outside party. The securities used as collateral are held by the Trustee in the name of the Board.

# Investments

As of June 30th, Fund securities were recorded by the Trustee in the name of the Board by specific account.

### **CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK**

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of any single investment per issuer name. Investments directly issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government and investments in mutual funds are excluded from the concentration of credit risk requirement. The STIP Investment Policy Statement (IPS) limits concentration of credit risk by limiting portfolio investment types to 3% in any issuer except for U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agency securities as well as any repurchase agreements with a financial institution. STIP concentration risk was within the policy as set by the Board.

# **CREDIT RISK**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligation. The Fund's U.S. government direct-backed securities, consisting of U.S. Treasury notes and bills, are guaranteed directly by the U.S. government. Obligations of the U.S. government or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government are not considered to have credit risk and do not require disclosure of credit quality. The Permitted Investments, as described in the Indenture, include "Either (i) long term obligations of such bank, trust company or association are rated in one of the three highest investment category of the Standard & Poor's Corporation or Moody's Investor Service Inc., which investment category shall not be less than the prevailing rate on the Bonds or (ii) the deposits are continuously secured as to principal, but only to the extent not insured by the Bank Insurance Fund or the Savings Association Insurance Fund, or any successor to either, of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)."

The Board's STIP IPS specifies that STIP securities have a minimum of two credit ratings as provided by national recognized statistical rating organizations to assist in the monitoring and management of credit risk. The purchase of STIP securities other than U.S. government or U.S. Agency obligations are restricted to those which are preapproved. Although the STIP investments have been rated by investment security type, STIP, as an external investment pool, has not been rated.

#### INTEREST RATE RISK

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Permitted Investments as described in the Indenture details the allowable investments, including those in STIP. STIP interest rate risk is determined using the Weighted Average Maturity (WAM) method.

According to the STIP IPS, "The STIP portfolio will minimize interest rate risk by:

- 1) structuring the investment portfolio so securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations thereby normally avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity;
- 2) maintaining a dollar-weighted average portfolio maturity (WAM) of 60 days or less (for this purpose, the date to the next coupon reset date will be used for all floating or variable rate securities; and
- 3) STIP will maintain a reserve account."

Fund investments are categorized as follows to disclose credit and interest rate risk as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Credit risk reflects

the weighted credit quality rating by investment type. Interest rate risk is disclosed using weighted effective duration as calculated by Board staff. The credit quality ratings have been calculated excluding non-rated investment types. Both the credit quality ratings and duration have been calculated excluding cash equivalents, as Management of the Board determined that these securities did not contain these risk elements. There were no derivative transactions during the fiscal year for investments held by the Trustee.

Credit Quality Rating and Effective Duration as of June 30, 2020 (in thousands)										
Security Investment Type	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Value</u>	Credit Quality Rating (1)	Effective Duration (1)						
Short-term investments US Treasury Obligations Restricted investments	\$	146	AA+	0.46						
US Treasury Obligations  Total investments by fair value level	\$	564 710	AA+	0.46						
1) Credit Quality Rating and Effective Duration are weig	hted.									

Based on their short weighted average maturity and the relative immaterial difference from their cost to fair value as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Board deemed the cash equivalents to have little discernible interest rate risk.

# FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

The Board categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by GAAP as follows:

- Level 1 Quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Board can access as of June 30th.
- Level 2 Prices determined using inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs can include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active or inactive markets, or market-corroborated inputs.
- Level 3 Prices are determined using unobservable inputs, which generally results in the Board using the best information available and may include the Board's own data.

Investments classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities.

Investments classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

The Board has the following fair value measurements for the Fund as of June 30<sup>th</sup>:

Investments Measured at Fair Value (in thousands)								
				Fair V	'alue Measu	rements Usin	3	
	June 30, 2020		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)		Significant Unobservable (Level 3)	
Investments by fair value level								
Short-term investments at fair value								
US Treasury Obligations	\$	146	\$	146	\$	-	\$	-
US Agency Obligations		-		-		-		-
Restricted investments at fair value								
US Treasury Obligations		564		564		-		-
Total investments by fair value level	\$	710	\$	710	\$	-	\$	-

# 4. RECEIVABLES

The INTERCAP loan program loans money to local governments, state agencies (Interfund) and component units of the State. Amounts related to the notes/loan receivable identified in the Statement of Net Position, are detailed as follows:

	Note/Loan Receivables For Year Ended June 30, 2020 (in thousands)										
Notes/Loans Receivable - ST	Local (	Government 7,618	¢	Interfund 3,313	¢	Component Unit	¢	Total 12,413			
Notes/Loans Receivable - LT	Ţ	39,704	Ţ	7,008	Ţ	9,892	Y	56,604			
Interest Receivable	\$	410	\$	10,346	\$	11,417	\$	69,495			

The interfund and component unit note/loan receivables are further broken down by fund type and component unit as follows:

		Interfund / Component Unit Receivable by Fund Type For Year Ended June 30, 2020 (in thousands)								
		Inter		d ernal Service		oonent Unit				
	Debt	Debt Service Fund				niversity	<u>Total</u>			
Interfund	\$	3,000	\$	7,321	\$	<del></del>	\$	10,321		
Component Unit		-		-		11,374		11,374		
Interest Receivable		15		10		43		68		
	\$	3,015	\$	7,331	\$	11,417	\$	21,763		

#### BONDS PAYABLE

The Fund is authorized to issue INTERCAP bonds under the Municipal Finance Consolidation Act. These bonds may not aggregate to more than \$190 million by statute. The INTERCAP bonds provide funds for the Board to make loans to eligible government units.

The bonds are not a debt or liability of the State. The bonds are limited obligations of the Board payable solely from:

- a) repayments of principal and interest on loans made by the Board to participating eligible Montana governments;
- b) investment income under the Indenture; and
- c) an irrevocable pledge by the Board. The Board has no taxing power.

These bonds may be tendered at the bondholder's option or they may be redeemed at the Board's option, any March 1, prior to maturity. The Board did not enter into an arms-length financing agreement to convert the bonds "put," or tender, and were not resold into some other form of long-term obligation. Accordingly, these bonds, considered demand bonds, are recorded as current liabilities of the Fund.

The Board annually remarkets the bonds and annually adjusts the interest in accordance with the Bonds' Indenture of Trust. Interest is paid semi-annually on September 1<sup>st</sup> and on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Interest is computed based on a year of 360 days. The interest rate paid to bondholders on September 1, 2019 and March 1, 2020 was 1.87%. The interest rate effective for March 1, 2020 – February 29, 2021 is 1.00%.

In accordance with the Indenture, the Board can issue additional bonds at any time that would bear the interest rate determined at the time of issuance until the next remarketing date. No new bonds were issued in the fiscal year ending June 30th.

The INTERCAP program does not have principal payments except in the instance of an optional redemption by the Board. There was a change in outflow in 2020 that occurred primarily due to the optional redemption of outstanding bonds by the Board. The bonds are remarketed each February and are treated as a new issuance. Interest expense attributable to the current year was \$1.6 million (See Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position).

Bonds Payable at June 30, 2020 (in thousands)												
Amount Interest Balance												
<u>Series</u>		Issued	Range	Maturity	June	e 30, 2020						
2003	\$	15,000	Variable	2028	\$	14,310						
2004		18,500	Variable	2029		17,975						
2007		15,000	Variable	2032		14,620						
2010		12,000	Variable	2035		11,880						
2013		12,000	Variable	2038		11,960						
2017		20,000	Variable	2042		19,925						
Total INTERCAP Debt	\$	92,500			\$	90,670						
Current Bonds Payable \$ 90,670												
Sarrence Bonds Fayable					<u> </u>							

The following schedule summarizes the INTERCAP activity during the fiscal year (in thousands):

Beginning Balance		<u>Additions</u>			Reductions	Ending Balance		
\$	105,065	\$	-	\$	14,395	\$	90,670	

# **BOND/LOAN GUARANTEES**

As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Fund had received a nonexchange financial guarantee from the STIP, TFIP, Coal Severance Tax Trust Fund, and the Treasurer's Cash Fund for exposure to INTERCAP bond issues in the amount of \$90.7 million. STIP and TFIP are external investment pools managed by the Board. Both the Coal Severance Tax Trust Fund and the Treasurer's Fund are part of the primary government for the State. The Board manages the Treasurer's Cash Fund which consists of fund balances of all the funds for the State whose investments earnings are permitted by law to flow to the State's General Fund. The nonexchange financial guarantee was extended through the Board's management of the Unified Investment Program. The Board has irrevocably pledged to make loans to cure INTERCAP reserve account deficiencies and to purchase tendered bonds not redeemed or remarketed. The outstanding bonds have final maturities of March 1, 2028 – March 1, 2042. The Board has not had to perform on any loan guarantee in the past.

The Board is authorized to credit enhance the INTERCAP bonds and is allowed to charge a fee for this service by statute. There is an annual fee of up to 15 basis points on outstanding INTERCAP bonds. If the Board was called on to purchase tendered bonds not redeemed or remarketed, INTERCAP's governing bond indenture requires the Board to be paid a fee equal to 25 basis points of the principal amount of tendered bonds actually purchased. The credit enhancement fee paid to the Board's Unified Investment Program during the fiscal year was \$158 thousand.

Per the Bond Indenture, an Event of Default includes a default in the due and punctual payment of any interest or principle, proceeding by or against the Issuer commenced under law, and default in the performance of the Indenture. The Bond Trustee may, upon written request of the Bondholders of not less than twenty-five percent in aggregate of the principle amount of the outstanding Bonds, declare the outstanding principle and interest to be due and payable immediately. Upon Event of Default, the Bond Trustee may pursue any available remedy under law. There has not been an Event of Default on any bond in the past.

#### CAPITAL LEASES

As of June 30th, assets acquired under capital lease arrangements consist of photocopiers. Such assets are carried at a cost of \$915 less accumulated depreciation of \$101 for this fund and is split-funded with other funds within the State's financial report.

As of June 30th, the future minimum lease commitments for capital lease obligations was as follows (in thousands):

Lease obligation payable during	Principal and Interest
2021	\$1
2022	\$1
2023	\$0
2024	\$0
2025	\$0
2026 – 2030	\$0
2031 – 2035	\$0
2036 - 2040	\$0
Total Payments	\$2
Less amount representing interest	\$0
Principle balance outstanding	\$2

The following schedule summarizes the capital lease payable activity during the fiscal year (in thousands):

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Amount due within 1 year
Capital lease payable	\$0	\$2	\$0	\$2	\$1

Operating lease payments made for the fiscal year were \$715.

# 7. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT

The fund long-term activities for the year ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, were as follows:

Changes in Long-Term Debt for year ended June 30, 2020												
(in thousands)												
									Am	ounts Due	Am	ounts Due
	Begi	inning						Ending	W	ithin One	in l	More Than
	<u>Bal</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Additions</u>			Reductions Balance			Balance	<u>Year</u>		One Year	
Compensated Absences	\$	69	\$	56	\$	(72)	\$	53	\$	32	\$	21

# 8. CONDUIT (NO COMMITMENT) DEBT

#### **QZAB Debt**

In this program, the Board is authorized to issue Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB), under the Municipal Finance Consolidation Act, as conduit (no commitment) debt. The revenues, and in some cases the taxing power, of the borrower are pledged to repay the bonds. Because the Board has no obligation for this debt, these bond issues are not reflected on the Board's financial statements. The borrower has set money aside to be used for the repayment of these bonds in accounts that are held in trust by the Board in the amount of \$2.54 million. This amount is reported within a fiduciary fund for the State of Montana. Bonds issued and outstanding by the Board as QZAB conduit (no-commitment) debt are listed as follows:

QZAB Debt as of June 30, 2020 (in thousands)										
				Amount		Balance				
<u>Project</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<b>Maturity Date</b>		<u>Issued</u>		June 30, 2020				
Cut Bank Elementary	August 2005	08/18/21	\$	825	\$	825				
Cut Bank High School	August 2005	08/18/21		625		625				
Kalispell Elementary School	October 2013	06/15/28		620		620				
Kalispell High School	October 2013	06/15/28		1,587		1,587				
Anaconda Elementary	August 2017	06/15/32		658		658				
Anaconda High School	August 2017	06/15/32		707		707				
Total QZAB conduit debt			\$	5,022	\$	5,022				

Beginning Balance Additions		<u>Additions</u>		Red	ductions	<b>Ending Balance</b>			
\$	5,022	\$	-	\$		-	\$	5,022	

#### **QSCB Debt**

In this program, the Board is authorized to issue Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB), under the Municipal Finance Consolidation Act, as conduit (no commitment) debt. The revenues of the borrower are pledged to repay the

bonds. Because the Board has no obligation for this debt, these bond issues are not reflected on the Board's financial statements. Bonds issued and outstanding by the Board as QSCB conduit (no-commitment) debt are as follows:

QSCB Debt as of June 30, 2020 (in thousands)						
				Amount		Balance
<u>Project</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	Maturity Date		<u>Issued</u>		<u>June 30, 2020</u>
Great Falls High Schools	April 2011	12/15/25	\$	1,855	\$	861
Great Falls Elementary	April 2011	12/15/25		6,510		3,021
Total QSCB conduit debt			\$	8,365	\$	3,882

Beginni	ng Balance	<u>Additions</u>		Reductions		<u>[</u>	Ending Balance
\$	4,485	\$	-	\$ 6	603	\$	3,882

#### 9. INTERCAP PROGRAM COMMITMENTS

The Board makes firm commitments to fund loans from the INTERCAP loan program. The Board's outstanding commitments to eligible Montana governments, as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, totaled \$29.6 million.

#### 10. PENSIONS

# PLAN DESCRIPTION

The Board and its employees contribute to either the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)-Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (DBRP) or the PERS-Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (DCRP). Both the DBRP and the DCRP are administered by the MPERA. The DBRP is a multiple-employer, cost-sharing plan and the DCRP is a multiple-employer plan. The DBRP provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and their beneficiaries.

All new members are initially members of the PERS-DBRP and have a 12-month window during which they may choose to remain in the PERS-DBRP or join the PERS-DCRP by filing an irrevocable election. Members may not be members of both the defined contribution and defined benefit retirement plans.

Benefits and contribution rates are established by state law and can only be amended by the Legislature. Benefits are dependent upon eligibility. PERS-DCRP benefits are also based on individual account balances. Participants are immediately vested in their own contributions and attributable income. Participants are vested after five years of membership service for the employer's contributions to individual accounts and the attributable income. Non-vested contributions are forfeited upon termination of employment per statute. Forfeitures are used to cover the administrative expenses of the DCRP. At the plan level for the measurement period ended June 30, 2019, the DCRP employer did not recognize any Net Pension Liability (NPL) or pension expense for the defined contribution plan. Plan level non-vested forfeitures for the 320 employers that have participants in the PERS-DCRP totaled \$714 thousand.

Employees of the fund may or may not be members of the DCRP. Based on confidentiality requirements, PERS is not able to provide detail on DCRP members.

The stand-alone financial statements of the Montana Public Employees Retirement Board (PERB) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the GASB 68 Report disclose the Plan's fiduciary net position. The reports are available from the PERB at PO Box 200131, Helena MT 59620-0131, (406) 444-3154 or both are available on the MPERA website at http://mpera.mt.gov/index.shtml. The information contained within MPERB's CAFR will only display information regarding PERS in total and will not display information specific to the Fund as an entity. The

Fund activity is reported within the Department of Commerce GASB 68 employer report as prepared by MPERA and represents 2.05% of the agency's liability and .02% of the total liability for all employers for the fiscal year.

# Net Pension Liability (NPL)

At year end, the Fund recorded a liability of \$269 thousand for its .02% proportionate share of the DBRP NPL and \$28 thousand for its proportionate share of the pension expense. The employer's proportionate share equals the ratio of the employer's contributions to the sum of all employer and non-employer contributions during the measurement period.

# SUMMARY OF BENEFITS - DBRP

# Member's highest average compensation (HAC)

Hired prior to July 1, 2011 HAC during any consecutive 36 months; Hired on or after July 1, 2011 HAC during any consecutive 60 months;

# Compensation Cap

Hired on or after July 1, 2013 110% annual cap on compensation considered as part of a member's HAC.

#### Vesting

5 years of membership service

## Eligibility for benefit

Service retirement:

Hired prior to July 1, 2011 Age 60, 5 years of membership service;

Age 65, regardless of membership service; or Any age, 30 years of membership service.

Hired on or after July 1, 2011 Age 65, 5 years of membership service;

Age 70, regardless of membership service.

Early retirement:

Hired prior to July 1, 2011 Age 50, 5 years of membership service; or

Any age, 25 years of membership service.

Hired on or after July 1, 2011 Age 55, 5 years of membership service.

Second Retirement (requires returning to PERS covered employment or PERS service)

Retire before January 1, 2016 and accumulate less than 2 years additional service credit, or Retire on or after January 1, 2016 and accumulate less than 5 years additional service credit:

- A refund of member's contributions plus regular interest (currently 2.02% effective July 1, 2018);
- No service credit for second employment;
- Start the same benefit amount the month following termination; and
- GABA starts again in the January immediately following the second retirement.

Retire before January 1, 2016 and accumulate at least 2 years of additional service credit:

- A recalculated retirement benefit based on provisions in effect after the initial retirement; and
- GABA starts on the recalculated benefit in the January after receiving the new benefit for 12 months.

Retire on or after January 1, 2016 and accumulate 5 or more years of service credit:

- The same retirement as prior to the return to service;
- A second retirement benefit as prior to the second period of service based on laws in effect upon the rehire date; and
- GABA starts on both benefits in the January after receiving the original and the new benefit for 12 months.

# Monthly benefit formula

Members hired prior to July 1, 2011

Less than 25 years of membership service:
25 years of membership service or more:
26 years of membership service or more:
27 years of membership service or more:
28 of HAC per year of service credit.

Members hired on or after July 1, 2011

Less than 10 years of membership service: 1.5% of HAC per year of service credit;

• 10 years or more, but less than 30 years of membership service:

membership service: 1.785% of HAC per year of service credit; 30 years or more of membership service: 2% of HAC per year of service credit.

Guaranteed Annual Benefit Adjustment (GABA)

After the member has completed 12 full months of retirement, the member's benefit increases by the applicable percentage each January, inclusive of other adjustments to the member's benefit.

- 3.0% for members hired prior to July 1, 2007
- 1.5% for members hired between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2013
- Members hired on or after July 1, 2013:
  - 1.5% for each year PERS is funded at or above 90%;
  - o 1.5% is reduced by 0.1% for each 2.0% PERS is funded below 90%; and
  - o 0.0% whenever the amortization period for PERS is 40 years or more

#### **OVERVIEW OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

The state Legislature has the authority to establish and amend contribution rates. Member and employer contribution rates are specified by Montana Statute and are a percentage of the member's compensation. Contributions are deducted from each member's salary and remitted by participating employers.

Currently, plan members are required to contribute 7.90% of members' compensation. By statute, the members' 7.90% contributions are temporary and will be decreased to 6.90% on January 1 following actuary valuation results that show the amortization period has dropped below 25 years and would remain below 25 years following the reduction of both the additional employer and additional member contribution rates.

As the employer, the State was required to contribute 8.77% of members' compensation for the fiscal year. Effective July 1, 2014, the employer contributions increase an additional 0.1% a year and will continue over 10 years through 2024. The additional employer contributions including the 0.27% added in 2007 and 2009, terminates on January 1 following actuary valuation results that show the amortization period has dropped below 25 years and would remain below 25 years following the reduction of both the additional employer and additional member contributions rates. Effective July 1, 2013, employers are required to make contributions on working retirees' compensation. Member contributions for working retirees are not required.

PERS received 100% of the required contributions from the Fund in the amount of \$15 thousand for the fiscal year.

# **ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS - DBRP**

The Total Pension Liability (TPL) used to calculate the NPL as of the fiscal year is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2019 and applying standard roll forward procedures to update the TPL to June 30, 2018. There were several significant assumptions and other inputs used to measure the TPL. The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017 valuation were based on the results of the last actuarial experience study, dated May 5, 2017 for the six-year period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2016. Among those assumptions were the following:

•	Investment Return (net of admin expense)	7.65%
•	Admin Expense as a % of Payroll	0.26%
•	General Wage Growth*	3.50%
	*includes inflation at	2.75%

Merit Increases

0.00% to 6.30%

Guaranteed Annual Benefit Adjustment (GABA)

After the member has completed 12 full months of retirement, the member's benefit increases by the applicable percentage each January, inclusive of other adjustments to the member's benefit.

- o 3.0% for members hired prior to July 1, 2007
- o 1.5% for members hired between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2013
- Members hired on or after July 1, 2013:
  - 1.5% for each year PERS is funded at or above 90%;
  - 1.5% is reduced by 0.1% for each 2.0% PERS is funded below 90%; and
  - 0% whenever the amortization period for PERS is 40 years or more.
- Mortality assumptions among contributing members, service retired members and beneficiaries based on RP 2000 Combined Employee and Annuitant Mortality Tables projected to 2020 with scale BB, males set back 1 year.
- Mortality assumptions among Disabled Retirees are based on RP 2000 Combined Mortality Tables with no projections.

# CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS

There were no changes in assumptions or other inputs that affected the measurement of the TPL.

# Changes in benefit terms:

There have been no changes in benefit terms since the previous measurement date.

# Changes in proportionate share:

There were no changes between the measurement date of the collective NPL and the employer's reporting date that are expected to have a significant effect on the employer's proportionate share of the collective NPL.

# **DISCOUNT RATE - DBRP**

The discount rate used to measure the Total Pension Liability was 7.65%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating plan members, employers, and non-employer contributing entities will be made based on the Board's funding policy, which establishes the contractually required rates under Montana Code Annotated. The State contributed 0.1% of the salaries paid by local governments and 0.37% paid by school districts. In addition, the State contributes coal severance tax and interest money from the general fund. The interest is contributed monthly and the severance tax is contributed quarterly.

In addition, the state contributed a statutory appropriation from the general fund. Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be adequate to make all the projected future benefit payments of current plan members through the year 2122. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the TPL. A municipal bond rate was not incorporated in the discount rate.

# **TARGET ALLOCATIONS - DBRP**

The long-term expected return on pension plan assets is reviewed as part of the regular experience studies prepared for the Plan. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including historical rates of return, rate of return assumptions adopted by similar public-sector systems, and by using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of June 30, 2019 are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
		Arithmetic Basis
	(a)	(b)
Cash Equivalents	3.0%	4.09%
Domestic Equity	36.0%	6.05%
Foreign Equity	18.0%	7.01%
Fixed Income	23.0%	2.17%
Private Equity	12.0%	10.53%
Real Estate	<u>8.0%</u>	5.65%
Total	100.0%	

# SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS - DBRP

The following presents the employer's sensitivity of the NPL to the discount rate in the table below. A small change in the discount rate can create a significant change in the liability. The NPL was calculated using the discount rate of 7.65%, as well as what the NPL would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1.00% lower or 1.00% higher than the current rate (in thousands).

Net Pension Liability	1	.0% Decrease	C	Current Discount	1.0% Increase
Sensitivity Analysis		(6.65%)		Rate (7.65%)	(8.65%)
Enterprise Fund	\$	386	\$	269	\$ 170

# SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - DBRP

MPERA prepared financial statements using the accrual basis of accounting. The same accrual basis was used for the purposes of determining the NPL, deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, the fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from fiduciary net position. Member contributions are recognized in the period in which contributions are due, and employer contributions are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period they are earned and become measurable. Benefit payments and refunds are recognized in the accounting period when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Expenses are recognized in the period incurred. Investments are reported at fair value. MPERA adhered to all accounting principles generally accepted by the United States of America and applied all applicable pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The state of Montana, as the non-employer contributing entity, paid to the Plan, additional contributions that qualify as *special funding*. Those employers who received *special funding* are all participating employers.

Per Montana law, state agencies and universities paid their own additional contributions. The employer paid contributions are *not* accounted for as special funding for state agencies and universities but are reported as employer contributions.

# **DEFERRED PENSION INFLOW / OUTFLOW - DBRP**

At year end, the employer recognized a deferred outflow of resources of \$27 thousand for expected versus actual experience and changes in assumptions. The pension deferred inflows were \$49 thousand, which related to the net difference between projected and actual earning on pension plan investments.

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the employer's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the NPL in the year ended June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in Pension Expense as follows (in thousands):

For the Measurement	Recognition of	
Year ended June 30:	Deferred	
	Outflows/Inflows in	
	future years as an	
	increase/(decrease)	
	to pension expense	
2020	\$ (4)	
2021	(21)	
2022	1	
2023	3	
Thereafter	0	

# 11. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

# GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATE EMPLOYEE GROUP BENEFITS (SEGB) OPEB PLAN

Plan description. The Board's defined benefit OPEB plan, the SEGB, provides optional OPEB in accordance with Section 2-18-704, MCA. This coverage applies to the following employees and dependents who elect to continue coverage and pay administratively established contributions: 1) employees and dependents who retire under applicable retirement provisions and 2) surviving dependents of deceased employees. The SEGB OPEB plan is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by statute by the Montana Department of Administration (DOA) Health Care and Benefits Division (HCBD). The Fund is reported within the primary government for reporting purposes.

SEGB is not administered through a trust. There are no assets accumulated to offset the total OPEB liability. The State funds the benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis from general assets. Section 2-18-8, MCA gives the authority for establishing and amending the funding policy to the DOA.

The healthcare OPEB plan allows retirees to participate, as a group, at a rate that does not cover all the related costs. This results in the reporting of total OPEB liability in the related financial statements and note disclosures.

Benefits provided. A retiree may continue coverage with the SEGB if the retiree is eligible to receive a monthly retirement benefit under their particular retirement system at the time of leaving active employment and elect to start medical coverage within 60 days of leaving employment. The Board's employees retire under either the PERS DBRP or the PERS DCRP.

Non-Medicare retirees may continue the core plan, which includes medical, dental, and basic life insurance. Vision coverage is optional. Medical, dental, and vision coverage is optional for dependents. Medicare eligible retirees may continue medical coverage. Dental and vision coverage is optional, and no life insurance is available. Medical, dental, and vision coverage is optional for dependents. Medicare eligible retirees must enroll in both Part A and Part B Medicare coverage.

A retiree may continue coverage for a spouse who does not work for the State. If coverage is not continued, the spouse may only be added when the spouse loses eligibility for other coverage. If the retiree and spouse both work for the State, the retiree may elect to be covered under the working spouse and retains the right to exercise the transfer option. Dependent medical or dental coverage can only be continued if the retiree continues medical and/or dental coverage.

A surviving spouse may elect to continue their medical, dental, or vision coverage until Medicare age, at which time they will be offered COBRA and no longer be eligible for the plan. For surviving spouses already of Medicare age, they will be offered COBRA and lose eligibility under the plan at the end of the offering month.

Board staff and dependents are eligible to receive medical and dental health care through the SEGB. The State funds claims on a pay-as-you-go basis. Montana DOA established premiums vary depending on family coverage and eligibility. Agencies contribute \$1,054 per month per eligible current State employee in addition to the employee's monthly contribution as shown below:

<u>Premiums</u>	<u>Calendar Years 2019 - 2020</u>
Medical	\$30.00 - \$327.00
Dental (optional)	\$0.00 - \$28.90
Vision Hardware (optional)	\$7.64 - \$22.26

Retiree Premiums. DOA-established retiree premiums vary depending on family coverage and Medicare eligibility. Per statute, retirees are responsible for their premiums and State agencies do not contribute an employer's share. As of December 31, 2019, the State OPEB Plan's administratively-established retiree medical contributions vary between \$448.00 and \$1,777.00 per month depending on coverage selected. Administratively established dental contributions vary between \$41.10 and \$70.00 per month, and vision hardware contributions vary between \$7.64 and \$22.26 per month, depending on coverage selected. The plan provides different coinsurance amounts and deductibles depending on whether members use in-network or out-of-network providers. Once retiree members become Medicare eligible, the plan automatically processes claim reimbursement as the secondary insurer, even if the member is not enrolled in Medicare. Spouses, unmarried dependent children, and surviving spouses are also eligible for coverage.

# TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY

The Board's total OPEB liability of \$14 thousand is approximately 0.03% of the total primary government OPEB liability of \$46.129 million as measured on June 30, 2020. The Board's proportionate share decreased from the prior valuation of 0.04%. The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation date of March 31, 2020.

Basis of accounting. The OPEB liability is reported on an accrual basis. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are made. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable.

Actuarial assumptions. The total OPEB liability in the actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Actuarial valuation date	December 31, 2019, rolled forward to March 31, 2020
Interest/discount rate	2.75%
Projected payroll increases	2.50%
Actuarial funding method	Entry age normal funding method
Amortization method	Open basis
Asset valuation	Not applicable since no assets meet the definition of plan assets under GASB 75
Participation (at retirement)	40% future retirees and 70% of future eligible spouses
Marital status	70%
Mortality - Healthy	Healthy mortality is assumed to follow the RP2000 Combined Mortality Table
	with improvements projected by Scale BB to 2020, set back one year for males.
Mortality – Disabled	Disabled mortality is assumed to follow the RP2000 Combined Mortality Table
	with no projections.
Healthcare cost trend rates	6.0% for medical and 9.0% for prescription initially, with medical remaining
	constant and prescription decreasing 0.5% per year until 2022, and thereafter
	decreasing 0.1% per year to an ultimate rate of 3.8% in 2077. Cost increases are
	assumed to apply at the end of the plan year.
Retiree Contribution Increases	,
	and spouse the increase is to 7.1% in 2021 and thereafter decreasing 0.1%-0.3%

per year to an ultimate rate of 3.8% in 2077, with a 5.2% rate used for 2029-2045.

- Changes in actuarial assumptions and methods since last measurement date:
  - Participation rate reduction from 55% to 40% based on recent experience study.
  - Revised rates per the Retirement System pension valuations as of July 1, 2019.
  - Interest/discount rate was based on the average of multiple March 31, 2020 municipal bond rate sources.
- Retiree Contributions. The following retiree contributions are a weighted average of all retiree contributions for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019:

Medical and Prescription Drug	Retiree/Surviving Spouse	<u>Spouse</u>
Before Medicare Eligibility	\$14,772	\$5 <b>,</b> 470
After Medicare Eligibility	\$5,376	\$4,659

- Changes in benefit terms since last measurement date: None.

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Board, as well as what the Board's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate (DR) that is 1-percentage-point lower (DR-1 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (DR+1 percent) than the current discount rate (in thousands):

	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	<u>(1.75%)</u>	<u>(2.75%)</u>	<u>(3.75%)</u>
Total OPEB liability (asset)	\$18	\$14	\$11

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Board, as well as what the Board's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates (in thousands):

	He	althcare Cost Trend Rate	es
	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
	<u>(5.0%)</u>	<u>(6.0%)</u>	<u>(7.0%)</u>
Total OPEB liability (asset)	\$11	\$14	\$18

# OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Board recognized OPEB expense of \$1 thousand. At June 30, 2020, the Board reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources (in thousands):

	Deferred Outflows of	Deferred Inflows of
	<u>Resources</u>	Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$-	\$3
Changes of assumptions and other inputs	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Total	\$5	\$8

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as less than one thousand dollars for each year during 2020 – 2024 and two thousand dollars thereafter.

# **TOTAL PROJECTED CLAIMS COST**

To determine total projected costs for the valuation period, an analysis of claims experience for the medical and prescription drug plans was completed based on information provided by the State of Montana. For purposes of the valuation, all medical plans are grouped together and all prescription drug plans are grouped together.

Medical and prescription drug claims were based on the most recent contribution rate development calculations for retirees, utilizing the most current claims cost experience and adjusting for the following:

- A factor to trend historical claims from the midpoint of the experience periods to the midpoint of the valuation base period.
- An adjustment to restate paid claims on an incurred basis, incorporating actual paid claims data for historical periods and best estimates of future claim lags based on State of Montana historical data.
   Separate adjustments were made for medical and prescription drugs.
- Benefit adjustments to account for changes in plan design components between the experience periods and the valuation base period.
- Vendor contract adjustments to reflect changes in underlying discounts, fees and financial arrangements.

Administrative costs are then added to the medical claims. The result is total projected costs for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, for the two plans.

# GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE DCRP OPEB PLAN

Per statute, participants that choose the PERS-DCRP retirement system are covered by the PERS-DCRP long-term disability plan. The disability plan is a multiple employer plan that provides disability benefits to plan members who are vested in the plan and are currently ineligible for retirement. A separate trust has been established for purposes of providing disability benefits to members and is accounted for as a fiduciary fund of the State of Montana. The assets are held in a trust capacity for the beneficiaries. The PERA issues publicly available annual reports which include financial statements and required supplemental information for the plan. Those reports may be obtained online (<a href="http://mpera.mt.gov">http://mpera.mt.gov</a>) or by contacting the PERA at 100 North Park, Suite 200, PO Box 200131, Helena, MT 5620-0131.

# 12. NON-PENSION EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLANS

#### DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The Board's permanent employees are eligible to participate in the State's deferred compensation plan. The compensation deferred is not available to employees until separation from State service, retirement, death, or upon an unforeseeable emergency, when still employed and meeting IRS specified criteria. The plan is governed by Internal Revenue Service Code (IRC) Section 457 and Title 19, Chapter 50, Montana Code Annotated (MCA). Assets of the deferred compensation plan are required to be held in trust, custodial accounts or insurance company contracts for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries.

### 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Since June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Board made additional commitments to fund loans from the INTERCAP loan program in the amount of \$6.6 million.

# **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (RSI)**

# PENSION LIABILITY AS AN EMPLOYER ENTITY

RSI regarding the pension information is as follows. As additional years of data are available, a total of 10 years will be presented. For further detail, see Note 11 - OPEB.

	Schedule of RSI Schedule of Net Pension Liability (in thousands except percentages)											
	Jun	e 30, 2020	Jur	ie 30, 2019	Jur	ne 30, 2018	Jur	ne 30, 2017	Jur	ne 30, 2016	Jun	e 30, 2015
Proportion of NPL		0.02%		0.02%		0.02%		0.03%		0.02%		0.02%
State's NPL	\$	84	\$	111	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Proportionate share of NPL	\$	269	\$	345	\$	419	\$	385	\$	291	\$	245
Employer's covered pay	\$	173	\$	167	\$	262	\$	307	\$	241	\$	220
Proportionate share of NPL as % of payroll		128.12%		128.25%		158.88%		143.92%		121.24%		111.22%
Plan fiduciary net position as % of total NPL		73.85%		73.47%		73.75%		74.71%		78.40%		79.87%

						Schedul	e of F	RSI				
					Sche	edule of C	ontri	butions				
	(in thousands except percentages)											
	June 30	), 2020	June 30	), 2019	June	30, 2018	June	30, 2017	June 3	0, 2016	June 3	30, 2015
Contractually required												
contribution	\$	15	\$	14	\$	22	\$	51	\$	21	\$	19
Contributions made	\$	(15)	\$	(14)	\$	(22)	\$	(51)	\$	(21)	\$	(19)
Contribution deficiency/ (excess)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Share of pensionable payroll Contributions as a % of	\$	173	\$	167	\$	262	\$	307	\$	241	\$	220
pensionable payroll		8.70%		8.56%		8.39%		8.47%		8.77%		8.83%

# CHANGES IN ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS

The following Actuarial Assumptions were adopted from the June 2016 Experience Study:

- General Wage Growth 3.50%
- Investment Rate of Return 7.65%, includes inflation at 2.75%
- Merit salary increase 0% to 8.47%
- Asset valuation method: Four-year smoothed market
- Actuarial cost method: Entry age Normal
- Amortization method: Level percentage of payroll, open
- Remaining amortization period: 30 years
- Mortality (Healthy members): For Males and Females: RP 2000 Combined Employee and Annuitant Mortality Table projected to 2020 using Scale BB, males set back 1 year
- Mortality (Disabled members): For Males and Females: RP 2000 Combined Mortality Table, with no projections
- Admin Expense as % of Payroll 0.26%

Administrative expenses are recognized by an additional amount added to the normal cost contribution rate for the System. This amount will vary from year to year based on the prior year's actual administrative expenses.

# 2017 Changes in benefit terms:

Effective July 1, 2017, the following benefit changes were made:

- The interest rate credited to member accounts increased from .25% to .77%
- Lump sum payouts in all systems are limited to the member's accumulated contributions rather than the present value of the member's benefit

# Working Retiree Limitations - for PERS

Effective July 1, 2017, if a PERS retiree returns as an independent contractor to what would otherwise be PERS-covered employment, general contractor overhead costs are excluded from PERS working retiree limitations.

# Refunds:

- 1. Terminating members eligible to retire may, in lieu of receiving a monthly retirement benefit, refund their accumulated contributions in a lump sum.
- 2. Terminating members with accumulated contributions between \$200 and \$1,000 who wish to rollover their refund must do so within 90 days of termination of service.
- 3. Trusts, estates, and charitable organizations listed as beneficiaries are entitled to receive only a lump-sum payment.

# OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLAN INFORMATION (OPEB)

Retirees are allowed to participate, as a group, at a rate that does not cover all of the related costs. This results in the reporting of an 'implied rate' subsidy or total OPEB liability in the related financial statements and footnotes. As additional data is available, a total of 10 years will be presented. For further detail, see Note 11 – OPEB.

Schedule of Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios As of June 30, 2020 (in thousands except percentages)							
June 30, 2020 June 30, 2019 June 30, 2018							
Proportion of Total OPEB liability	0.03%	0.04%	0.04%				
Proportionate share of Total OPEB liability	\$14	\$20	\$19				
Covered employee payroll	\$207	\$276	\$253				
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	6.86%	7.93%	7.47%				

# Notes to Schedule:

No assets are set aside to fund the OPEB benefits. The State funds the benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis from general assets.

# **Report on Internal Control and Compliance**

Angus Maciver, Legislative Auditor Deborah F. Butler, Legal Counsel



Deputy Legislative Auditors: Cindy Jorgenson William Soller

# Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

The Legislative Audit Committee of the Montana State Legislature:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Unified Investment Program and the Enterprise Fund Program financial statements of the Montana Board of Investments (board), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the board's financial statements, and have issued our reports there on December 14, 2020.

# Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the board's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the board's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the board's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal controls was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify

any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

# Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the board's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

# Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the board's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the board's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cindy Jorgenson

Cindy Jorgenson, CPA Deputy Legislative Auditor Helena, MT

December 14, 2020

Montana Board of Investments

Board Response

# MONTANA BOARD OF INVESTMENTS

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LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIV.

Angus Maciver, Legislative Auditor Legislative Audit Division Room 160, State Capitol PO Box 201705 Helena, MT 59620-1705

Dear Mr. Maciver,

I am in receipt of the Financial Compliance Audit dated January 2021 issued by the Legislative Audit Division. The audit report includes one recommendation requiring a response which is as follows:

# Recommendation #1:

We recommend the Montana Board of Investments comply with state policy for telework employees, by:

- A. Completing signed telework agreements when required by the state telework policy.
- B. Reimbursing employees for actual costs of telework instead of increasing compensation.

# Agency Response:

- A. **Do Not Concur** Management will retain its authority to "establish specific conditions that apply to employees working at alternate locations" (MOM Telework Policy, Section III(B)(1)) and to "establish telework as a condition of employment based on business need." (MOM Telework Policy, Section III(B)(2)
- B. Partially Concur The Board has requested the Department of Commerce process stipends as "Home Office Reimbursement." (SABHRS Code: RHO)

Sincerely,

Dan Villa

**Executive Director** 

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